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'This human leech has got to go,' says fed-up dad

ANGRY dad Gregory Beecher, left inset, had more than enough of his layabout, do-nothing son, shown above.

Desperate parents pay bride $40G to marry slimeball son

RICH bride Dorothy Beecher with her new hubby.

Here's the catch: Couple must move 500 miles away!

By SCOTTY PAUL

Fed-up parents Ann and Gregory Beecher paid a woman $40,000 to marry their good-for-nothing son — and take him far, far away.

"We love the boy but we were desperate," said the relieved mom. "We had to take drastic action for ourselves and for Sonny's own good."

Sonny is a sloppy 28-year-old lard-butt who has not had a job since he delivered newspapers on his bike 14 years ago.

The lazy loafer has been studying to be "this or that" in colleges and various correspondence schools for most of the past 10 years.

"He doesn't know what he wants to be, but WE want him to be married and be gone," said Sonny's dad.

The frustrated parents say Sonny has been costing them about $20,000 a year. "And that's a modest figure," said Beecher.

"He eats like there's no tomorrow but doesn't help with the cooking or dishes. He drives our car, uses our phone and forgets to turn off the lights when he leaves a room. This leech just had to go!"

Their spoiled son even expected and got a weekly allowance, promising to repay his parents one day when he got a job.

The troubled parents placed an ad in a newspaper in their hometown of Warwick, England, offering a woman $40,000 to marry their shiftless son.

"We were looking for a woman with a 'mothering attitude,' one who would treat Sonny like we did — as long as she was willing to move at least 500 miles away," said Beecher.

They sifted through more than 300 applicants and finally narrowed the field to three young women. Three interviews later, they had found Sonny's bride-to-be, a lonely, fat, strong-willed nurse named Dorothy McLean, 28.

"That left one remaining problem," said Beecher. "She had to woo Sonny into marrying her. We didn't think that would be a problem since she was attractive and a whole lot smarter than Sonny."

It took Dorothy about two weeks to talk smitten Sonny into tying the knot. The lure of a $40,000 payoff was the key to the whirlwind romance.

They got married last Tuesday and hit the road that night, said Mrs. Beecher.

"We told Dorothy not to call until they were at least 500 miles away."

There is incentive for Dorothy to stay married to Sonny because she didn't get the whole $40,000 in a lump payment.

She got $20,000 down and the balance to be paid in monthly installments over the next two years.

"Sure, we'll miss Sonny not being around after 28 years of him," said Beecher.

"But it was high time he left the nest."

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Kids call Santa & get sexpot instead

Two little kids thought they were dialing Santa with their Christmas list, but they got a very hotline instead and heard a sultry woman talk about a spanking.

The numbers they had dialed for Santa the past two years had been assigned to the sex hotline this year, much to the chagrin of the children's parents in Scunthorpe, England.

Eatin' lite

Stupid snake gulps down light bulbs

The future looks a little brighter now for a luckless, 4-foot pine snake — since a doctor removed two light bulbs from its belly.

Apparently, the stupid snake was slithering around a chicken coop near Gainesville, Fla., and thought the 15-watt bulbs were eggs.

Lynn and Carmen Clark saw the reptile with two lumps under its skin wriggling across their front yard.

"When the bulbs burn out in our chicken coop, we just throw them out in the yard," said Mrs. Clark. "I guess the snakes think they're good hen eggs, and they eat them."

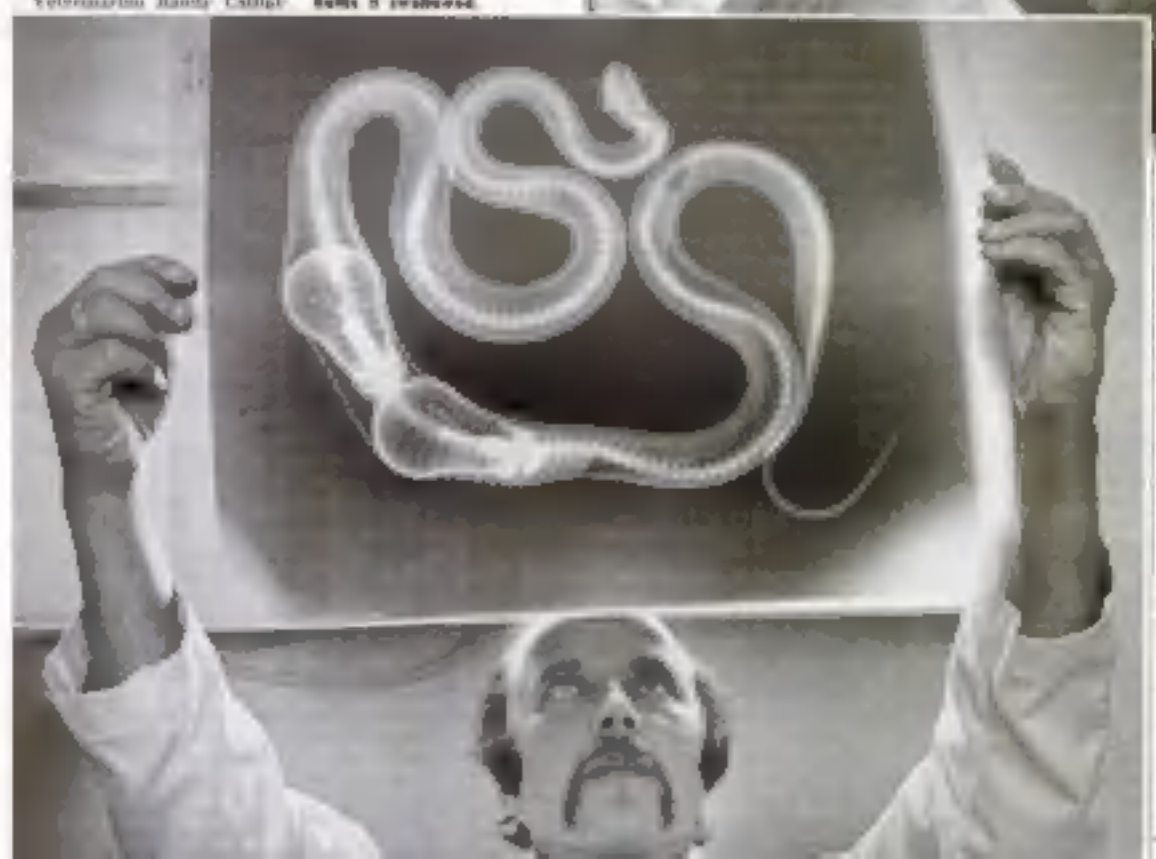
The Clarks caught the snake and it was eventually taken to the University of Florida. A veterinarian cut a 1½-inch incision in the snake's stomach and removed the bulbs.

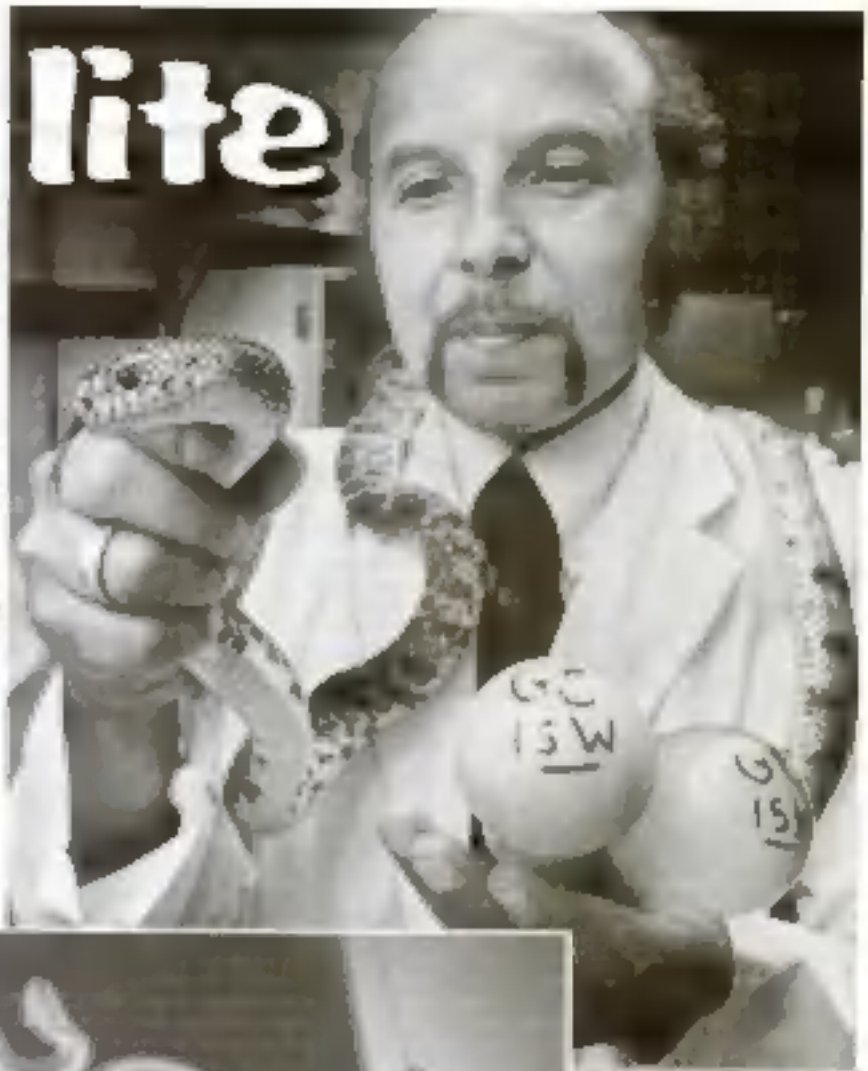
Veterinarian Randy Cullat-

. . . because he thought they were EGGS!

ori said the reptile would have died because the bulbs were too big to pass through its digestive system or regurgitate.

LIGHT bulbs can be seen in X-ray of snake below. Right, snake after surgery with the bulbs it swallowed.





Good Samaritan stops to help & gets a ticket

A Good Samaritan stopped to help an accident victim and got slapped with a parking ticket!

After watching a motorcyclist somersault from his overturning bike, 20-year-old Melanie Cross of Leicester, England, stopped her car and ran to his aid.

The cyclist wasn't seriously injured.

But when she returned to her car the woman spotted the parking ticket on her windshield.

"I told the police what happened," she said. "But they said I still have to pay the ticket.

"When I saw the accident, finding a legal parking spot was the last thing on my mind. I set out to do a good deed and got kicked in the teeth!"

Long-lost son comes home — and steals his dad's wife!

By JOE BERGER
Staff writer

Desperate dad Sal Spada spent 23 tear-filled years tracking down his long-lost son Carlton. And the minute Sal found him, coldhearted Carlton stole his wife away!

"I brought that rotten kid back into my life and he swiped the woman I love right out from under my nose," the frantic Philadelphia businessman told a reporter.

"I'm so crushed I don't know which way to turn. I know it's partly his stepmother Sylvia's fault, but mostly I blame Carlton. He's the troublemaker.

"I dreamed of the day we'd be reunited — and he turned my dream into a nightmare."

Heartsick Sal, 49, lost track of his son nearly a quarter century ago when his first wife Brenda vanished on their baby boy and slipped away in the middle of the night.

"We'd been talking about a divorce and Brenda was afraid I'd get custody of little Carl, so she grabbed him and ran," the distraught dad recalled.

"I knew how she took him to Canada and moved in with a friend, but at the time it seemed like they just vanished off the face of the earth.

"I looked for them and the police looked for them, but nobody could find a trace."

Eventually the courts granted red-eyed Sal a divorce, and 11 years ago he married his current wife Sylvia.

"I never gave up looking for my boy, but Sylvia encouraged me to try even harder because she realized how much it meant to me," the bitter businessman said with a sigh.

"We hired detectives and went on the radio and sent out fliers and everything. It cost us thousands, but I thought it was worth every penny."

The heart-wrenching search finally paid off last last year when investigators found nineteen Carlton trading bar in Buffalo, N.Y. "The day I was reunited with my son was the happiest of my life," shook-up Sal recalled. "He was such a great kid and he seemed so excited to be with me.

"He even moved to Philadelphia to be close to me and Sylvia, and we started spending all our time together. I never dreamed that Carlton and his stepmother were having an affair until it was too late."

The dumbfounded dad discovered the shocking truth the day he came home from work and found a five-line note informing him that Sylvia, 41, and Carlton, 24, had hit the road together.

"It was like taking a fist in the gut," Sal said later. "She said they were headed for Mexico so she could divorce me and marry my son, and I was never going to see either of them again."

REUNITED son Carlton, far left, ran off with his father's second wife Sylvia, above. "That rotten kid swiped the woman I love," says down-in-the-dumps dad Sal Spada.

'It was like taking a fist in the gut,' says heartsick Philadelphia man

Florida hotel sues messy Arab fat cats

Certain members of the Saudi Arabian royal family may be rich, but they're also slobs, according to a lawsuit filed by angry hotel keepers.

The Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress hotel near Walt Disney World says [illegible] $30,201 from Prince Turki Bin Abdulaziz Bin Saud after he and his family spent four weeks at the hotel and damaged rooms, doors, walls and furniture, the suit claims.

According to legal documents, the Saudis stuffed walls, stained woodwork, shattered $1,000 worth of glassware in a room, damaged a patio, scratched a credenza, chipped a marble table and left ink spots on upholstered furniture.

All in all, the 750-room Orlando, Fla., hotel wants $7,900 for damages and $13,301 in unpaid room charges and other expenses.

— SUSAN AUSTIN

Titanic toddlers reunited after 3 year separation!

World's biggest baby meets his TWIN BROTHER

By DICK TRACY

Three years of heartbreak have turned to tears of joy for the parents of the world's biggest baby, who miraculously located his twin brother — and discovered he's a whopper, too.

Tubby toddler Kwong Li, a scale-shattering 204 pounds, is back home with his parents and his 3-year-old twin brother Jin, who now weighs an incredible 212 pounds.

"Kwong's parents hadn't known his whereabouts since hours after he was born. He had been given to a foster family because his peasant parents couldn't afford to keep both," said Fung Chark Tung of the department of social services and welfare in Yinchuan, China.

The king-size twins were reunited as a result of nationwide publicity last June when the destitute parents tearfully decided to put remaining brother Jin up for adoption because they couldn't afford to feed him, either.

The chubby-cheeked chowhound was eating them out of house and home, gobbling up a daily menu that included 10 bowls of boiled noodles, seven bowls of rice and vegetables, seven pounds of fish, two white chickens and a bowl of fruit.

"We love him dearly but he was eating everything in sight and begging for more," said his mom, Mei Li.

Soft-hearted people throughout China read about the parents' gut-wrenching decision and responded with so many pledges of food and money that Jin's mom and dad didn't have to give him up.

But the big surprise came last month when they were reunited with baby Kwong. "His foster parents had read about Jin and thought the two boys should grow up together," said Fung Chark.

"Officials of the provincial government have guaranteed the family will never want for anything until the twins reach manhood," he added.

The blubbery brothers each pack about 22,000 calories a day into their king-sized bodies. A normal daily intake for a child their age is 1,400 calories, according to

GAL'S BUG-KILLING SPREE BACKFIRES, WHEN . . .

Roach bombs blow up apartment!

A bug-hating beautician set out too many roach bombs to kill the creepy critters — and accidentally blew up her apartment.

"The place no longer has glass in the windows. They were shattered," Los Angeles Police Sgt. Steve LaRoche told *The NEWS*.

The explosion also left cracks in the walls and a hole in one corner of the floor.

Obsessed with solving the nasty roach problem, the unidentified 34-year-old woman placed nine pesticide bugging cans around her two-bedroom, ground-floor apartment.

The vapors mixed to cause a surprise pesticide explosion, Sgt. LaRoche said. "She used about eight too many foggers for an apartment that size," he added.

Her apartment is a little worse for wear, with broken windows and some furniture. Other apartments in the building weren't damaged.

The angry young woman apparently hadn't read the directions on the fogging cans before setting out on her roach-killing frenzy, cops said.

RICH COUPLE'S SPAT COST A MILLION BUCK$ — IN DAMAGE

By TOM ALLEN
Special to The NEWS

A wealthy couple's spat escalated into a full-scale war in which they destroyed each other's prize possessions, racking up nearly $1 million in damages.

Authorities in Arnau, Switzerland, said that the battle finally ended when the rich couple's long-time attorney negotiated a truce.

The family lawyer, Heinrich Stuber, said the quarrel between Franz and Helga Hagemann erupted when the 63-year-old investor abruptly canceled the couple's vacation due to business.

"Unfortunately, this wasn't the first time that Mr. Hagemann was forced to call off a planned trip with his wife, and she didn't take the news very well," Stuber said.

According to the lawyer, Mrs. Hagemann, 54, struck the first blow by dumping bicarbonate of soda in her husband's aquarium, killing an expensive collection of rare tropical fish.

"They had a huge argument that night when Mr. Hagemann came home and found his fish floating on the surface of the fancy aquarium," Stuber said.

"He was so furious that he grabbed a handful of his wife's diamond jewelry, tossed it into the kitchen garbage disposal and turned it on."

According to the attorney, Hagemann went to work the next morning, thinking that his score with his wife was even.

But she decided to get revenge.

"She took her husband's very expensive stereo and video equipment and threw it in the pool," said Stuber.

"He came home and splattered her closet with liquid bleach, destroying his wife's $200,000 wardrobe, including the fur coats, fancy shoes and designer dresses."

After that, the attorney said things got even worse around the Hagemanns' lavish mansion.

"Mrs. Hagemann splashed a gallon of cheap yellow paint all over the hood of her husband's new $70,000 Ferrari sports car and then tossed another can of paint all over the car's leather interior," Stuber said.

"He responded by putting his fist through a $100,000 Picasso original that he had given his wife for their anniversary."

According to Stuber, Mrs. Hagemann had just finished opening the tea ports on her husband's $200,000, 35-foot sailboat, sinking it at the dock behind the couple's home, when their daughter came in the house and saw what was happening between her mother and father.

"The daughter called the police, but authorities said the Hagemanns were not breaking any law by destroying their own property," said Stuber.

"When I arrived, I got them both to agree to a temporary truce and to go off on separate peaceful vacations for a few weeks."

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New pollution threat: cremated corpses!

Cremated corpses may be polluting the air because of the mercury in dental fillings, say researchers at the University of Leicester in England.

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— MICHAEL TODD

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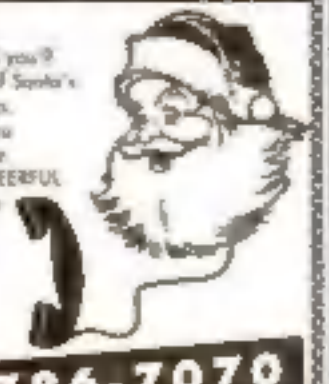

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BRAIN WORMS!

The deadliest threat to American health since the onslaught of AIDS is the Oriental Brain Worm, terrifying new reports now warn.

By BEATRICE DEXTER

Transmitted to the human body from microscopic larvae on unwashed vegetables or edible snails, the deadly worms hatch, grow two inches long and burrow into the brain.

The worm — called *Angiostrongylus cellmensis* — has killed countless people in the South Pacific and Southeast Asia, according to professors at Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

It was discovered for the first time in the continental United States several months ago.

The worms go to the brain and die there. Their presence produces an inflammation of the meninges, the covering of the brain, the experts say.

The victim feels tremendous pain from an increase in the pressure of spinal fluid. He has severe headaches. If he survives, he can have lasting damage.

The parasite was first found in the United States in rats which swarm over the wharfs of New Orleans.

Rats carry the worm in the early stages of its development, passing it on to land snails and slugs which contract it from eating rat waste.

The parasite reaches man in its larval stage when tiny slugs are accidently eaten with unwashed vegetables.

Sometimes edible snails are eaten uncooked when cooks taste them to see if the seasoning is proper.

While deaths from the bizarre and deadly parasite are fairly common in some regions, America has reported only one death attributed to the entozoa.

In 1961 a man in Hawaii died from the parasite. Doctors found out what he had after he was dead.

The autopsy revealed the worms in his brain.

He was no Oriental gardener and no one knows how he got the parasite, according to the scientists.

Now the worm has been found in Cuba and Puerto Rico and other countries in this region. The discovery in New Orleans marks the first time it has been found in the continental United States.

Gals duke it out

More and more girls are settling spats these days by dukking it out — just like the boys do.

The main cause of fights between girls is boys, according to psychologist Janet Hibel in West Palm Beach, Fla. Gossip is a close second.

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A dying wish fulfilled: Cancer boy's prized baseball goes to grown-up pal

By DICK DONOVAN
Staff writer

A few days before cancer snuffed out his life, 8-year-old Johnny Kelley revealed his dying wish — that his cherished Hank Aaron baseball be given to a very special grown-up who took the time to be his friend!

It took two years, but that heart-tugging wish came true when the dead boy's mom left a neatly wrapped package for Clyde Randolph, the manager of a Wendy's restaurant in Starke, Fla.

Inside the package was a letter from Barbara Kelley telling Clyde that Johnny was dead and that before he died he had said he wanted him to have his most prized possession, the autographed ball that home-run king Hank Aaron had given him.

"I was deeply touched when I opened the package and read the letter," Clyde told *The NEWS*. "I cried. I was devastated. It seemed like I lost a friend before I really got to know him."

Clyde said he met Johnny when he was managing a Wendy's in Jacksonville, where the boy lived with his mom and dad.

"When I first saw him, he was just a little kid wearing a baseball cap," the 34-year-old father of a 7-year-old son explained. "He was looking so sad I just had to start talking to him. I don't stand to see anyone sad. I just wanted to make him happy."

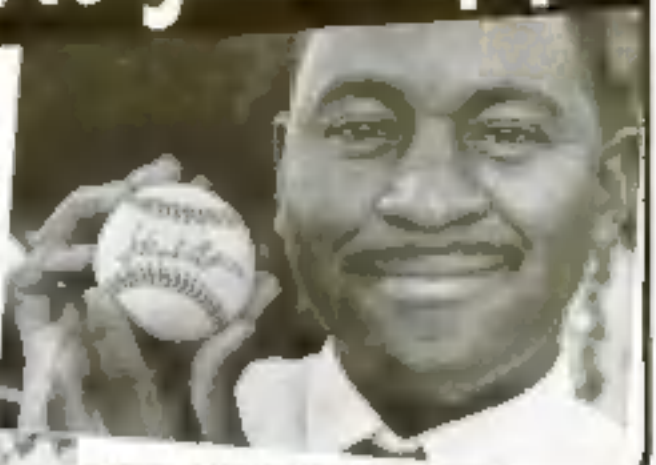
As man and boy talked, they discovered their mutual love for baseball and a friendship blossomed. Clyde nicknamed the boy "Baltimore" because that was the team cap he wore to cover his hair lost from chemotherapy.

"There was one thing about John that never changed," Clyde said. "He never lost his courage. It was always there. You could see it in his eyes."

Maybe it was that intense mix of bravery that caused Hank Aaron to step at his bedside while visiting a children's cancer ward with Jacksonville Mayor Tommy Hazouri.

The all-time home-run king and Hall of Fame member visited with John and gave him the autographed baseball that became the boy's most prized possession.

And it was that same home ball that John wanted Clyde to have after he was gone.



CLYDE RANDOLPH holds autographed baseball

SLUGGER Hank Aaron, baseball's all-time homerun king, during an All-Star game.

BASEBALL fan Johnny Kelley died of leukemia shortly

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2. To keep your wife from fooling around, take a strip from her bra or slip, tie a knot in it every night for nine nights and carry it in your pocket.

3. To get a lover back, take his or her picture, turn it face-down on a table and burn a red candle on top of it for three hours every morning and evening for six days. Then turn the picture face-up and continue the candle burning for three more days.

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"I can't see you with my eyes, but I believe in you with all my heart!"

Last Christmas, when we ran this moving photo of blind seven-year-old Jimmie Kling "meeting" Santa with his hands, we had no idea how deeply it would touch the hearts of our vast family of readers.

So this year we thought it fitting to once again share with you little Jimmie's faith that just because you can't see something doesn't mean that it isn't real.

Jimmie is 7 now, just a year younger than Virginia O'Hanlon was when, in 1897, she wrote a letter to a New York newspaper that inspired a heartwarming editorial reply that's since become a Christmastime treasure.

"Dear Editor:

"I am 8 years old.

"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

"Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.'

"Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

"Virginia O'Hanlon,
115 West 95th Street"

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be minds of children or men or even of Santa Claus, are little.

In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Two-headed Jimmie Kling's fingers explored his sightless eyes and relieved him to "see" Santa Claus when the jolly fat man with the snow white beard paid a visit to the Maryland School for the Blind in Baltimore.

WHALE OF A FEUD

By JOHN HANNON

NOW! Sharon tells Roseanne Barr her fat jokes, but she's fighting mad that she says his jokes are racist

Roseanne can dish it out but can't take my fat jokes, says Arsenio

Toothy **Arsenio Hall** doesn't buy **Roseanne Barr's** beef that calling her and tubby hubby **Tom Arnold** whales is a racist remark. "Fat people weren't brought from Fatland and forced to work for free and separated from their fat relatives and hung from large trees," explains Arsenio.

What got Barr's back up was Arsenio flashing photos of the roly-poly newlyweds swimming on their honeymoon.

"Remember the whales?" asked Arsenio. "Well, they're back!" Roseanne dishes out fat jokes about herself in her act, but she can't take them from anyone else, it seems.

"Well, as long as the chubby couple is

obsessed with food, what can they expect from the other stuffed-up cohorts?

For example:

● They have a recipe for a better-than-sex cake.

● On a recent concert date Arnold couldn't even make it from backstage to center stage to give her a jumbo cheesecake without eating half of it.

● They eat Hungry-Man ripe-pile ice-cream bars for appetizers.

● They stay out all night getting crazy and devouring huge quantities of food.

The best thing for Burt and Arnold's affair, established with the sex thing. "We've kind of gotten down in restaurants," Burt has dragged. "We just can't help it. We go into a yogurt store and ask them if they have a bathroom, go in there and do it." — *Vanity Fair* and *USA Today*

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Hollywood's hottest kid is 10-year-old Margaret Colin, who plays a Romper Room Maniac in the surprise smash movie *Three Men and a Baby*. "I guess I'm sort of tough," says Mac. "Last week I body-slammed a kid who had the hots for a headliner and wouldn't let go. So I lifted him up and let him take it. You gotta be tough in New York." — *Montreal Gazette*

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Quarantine laws in Britain prevented Detective Frankie Kefferkile from bringing his sweetie Jack Russell terriers along with him for the filming of *Hamlet* with Mel Gibson. So the jobs for the pooch and mutt would eat the dogs every evening. "I have a loudspeaker at Elsinore that connects to my telephone," says the wily detective.

And [illegible] to further demonstrate his dog-gone devotion, the diligent P.I. quickly took time to Transatlantic-watch with miles that the dogs almost lay silently on the floor. "I knew I was alive." — *Entertainment Weekly*

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Shirley Muldowney, the only woman to win national drag-racing titles, has her own solution to the crisis in the Persian Gulf. "I'd love to take Hussein for a ride," says the speed queen. "I'd give him a ride he'd never forget. He'd never think I'd say what I'd say." — *Palm Beach Post*

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Vintage rocker Neil Young reflects on his 25 years in the business and the rotten trick fame has played on him.

"Our parents were all into Frank Sinatra and Rosemary Clooney and Perry Como," says the 40-year-old Young. "Now I'm Perry Como. I don't do that today."

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Darlin' Dolly Parton has taken her shortcomings and made positives out of them. "Mini little short fingers — love being fingernails. Got little short feet — I wear high-high heels," said the petite Parton. "I couldn't grow my real hair enough and night enhanced it and it's high enough, so I wear wigs. Most have 300 of them. I'm a cartoon-type girl. That's why the tabloids love to pick at me." — *New York Daily News*

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America's Oldest Teenager, Dick Clark, has finally revealed just what the heck it is that keeps him looking so young.

"Sex keeps me young," says the boyish Dick. "The more you want it, the more youthful you are available and physically."

In case you're wondering, 61-year-old Dick has been with his third wife, Kari, for 13 fire-filled years. — *Chicago Tribune*

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Fred the redhead from the old TV series *Barney Miller* has been found! The [illegible] actor — that's the animal equivalent of an actor — was spotted a day and a half after being stolen from the San Diego Wild Animal Park.

The 8-year-old bird can talk, laugh and speak Russian. Because of his training and star status, Fred is worth more than $15,000.

Cops have not said whether Fred can identify the perpetrator. — *Newsweek*

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Mrs. Fletcher has fallen and a star is born.

Edith Fore, the woman who plays Mrs. Fletcher in Carousel TV ads, was flown into Manhattan to perform for the cameras. She talked and I can't get up! She got was a fortnight lush for Chaser Every group of animal Michael Mann.

Fore has been called the Clara Peller of the '90s and her commercial has spawned [illegible]

I made whoopee — with Gloria Steinem!

. . . and SIZZLED with Raquel Welch, says Jim Brown

Jim Brown got around town as well as he got around the football field. The macho actor whooped it up on the silver screen with ravishing Raquel Welch and made out in real life with feminist honcho Gloria Steinem!

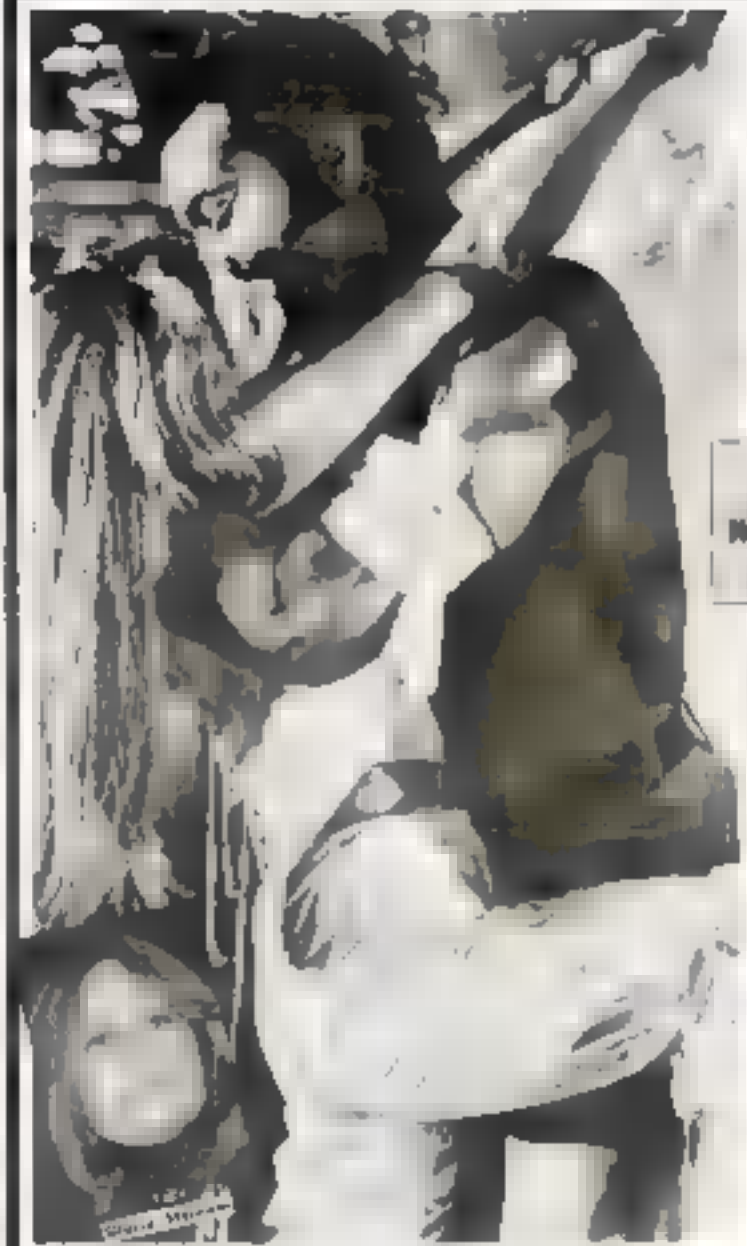
Here are a couple of tidbits from the gridiron great's unbelievably candid book, *Out of Bounds*:

"We began the scene and I started slowly, with sensitivity, suddenly I started peeling at Raquel's clothes. Her breasts were exposed. I was kissing her and holding her and . . . she became incredibly sexy to me. She wasn't lying on the bed, being submissive. She was wild, defiant, she kissed me with her lips, her teeth, it became a sexual contest of who would conquer who in that bed."

Whew! Let us cut quickly to reality and G-L-O-R-I-A! In 1969 Steinem was assigned to write a magazine piece on Big Jim.

"Hour afternoon we were smoking Sensi. It was busy, I offered Gloria my hand. And I noticed that turned her off. She was feminist. I suppose my offer offended her." But not for long!

"Gloria and I started dating, and she was wonderful, physically and mentally. She may hate me after this but she was real fond of me then." Nah, why should she hate you, Jim, just because you kissed and told?



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By SUSAN JACKSON
Staff writer

CREEP KILLS HIS SWEETIE — 'CAUSE SHE HAD BAD BREATH!

Cold-blooded Kenneth Faust walloped his ladylove over the head [redacted] a frying pan and then strangled her to death, cops [redacted] — because she [redacted] bad breath!

The unemployed tool-and-die designer said his girlfriend Kathleen Bond always was plagued with halitosis, but when she insisted on making love [redacted] night despite her reeking breath, it was more than Faust could bear, police said.

"He told us she wanted to have sex and when he refused she started telling him he was [redacted] and hit him with her fist," Indianapolis Police Sgt. John Larkins told *The NEWS*. "He said he hit her with a Chinese wok and then strangled her.

"He confessed he let her body lay in the apartment for two days before he wrapped it in a sheet and moved it to the basement. He wanted to toss it in a dumpster, but he got spooked."

Sgt. Larkins said the 42-year-old victim met Faust on her job as a grocery store clerk and had lived with the man since last March.

According to Sgt. Larkins, Faust, 46, told police he came home about midnight on October 28 and discovered Bond tried to get the make on him. The couple began arguing after Faust told his sweetheart that her breath stank.

The couple rolled off the bed and Faust and he got put began hammering on each other.

Within moments Mrs. Bond was dead.

"She didn't show up for work, so employees at the grocery store asked police to check," Sgt. Larkins said. "The officers knocked on the door and Faust said there she'd left for work.

But as the officers were leaving the building they heard a man screaming in the basement. The disinterested man had found a body wrapped in a sheet in the furnace room.

Faust has been arrested and charged with murder. He is to be tried by a jury sometime next month.

. . . cops charge

DEATH OF DEATH: Indianapolis police say Kenneth Faust right) bashed Kathleen Bond with a frying pan and strangled her after an argument prompted by her foul breath.

World-class fatties

Does your belly have more hangers than a hatter's hall? Are you tired of parking around saddlebags you never use? Do you have more chins than a Peking phone book?

If so, you'd feel right at home in Germany.

On the international table of fatdoms, the dough-faced Germans are head, shoulders and love guts above the rest of us. Here is Weight Watchers' rundown on the fat of the lands.

1. Germany: More than half the nation is overweight. Lumps and beer are the main reasons they are turning into sour krauts.

2. Mexico: Forty-four percent of all Mexicans are obese. Their national dishes, all made of heavy flour, are to blame. And the beer serves most of the country does not encourage them to exercise.

3. Switzerland: Years of eating chocolates and fondues have taken their toll. Obesity runs at 43 percent.

4. Australia: Beer, red meat and the heat are to blame for putting the load Down Under.

5. Austria: Like the Swiss, the Austrians suffer from those long winters when they can't get out to exercise away those extra inches. Thirty-five percent of Austrians are blubber bellies.

6. Great Britain: Potatoes and beer are the main reasons Brits are in the top 10. Chips, fried in fat, put 30 percent of them into the obese bracket.

7. Greece: Spicy lamb stews and casseroles have left Greeks on the pudgy side. Their penchant for pastries also takes its toll.

8. Canada: The Canadians are the average, 40 percent of the population is obese.

9. Sweden: The Swedes' love of pure pork fat puts them in the top 10 — but exercise, such as cross-country skiing and swimming, puts them in the bottom half of the table. Twenty-nine percent suffer from obesity.

10. Finland: The Finns spread butter on bread fat a snack — and their waistlines spread out, as well. But only 27 percent are really tubby.

11. U.S.A.: We used to be near the top of the table. Now we are getting into shape. The fitness routines have made Americans health conscious. Salad bars, health clubs and jogging are making the ugly American obsolete. Just 25 percent of Americans fit into the superfat bracket.

Germans are No. 1 on lard list

Dirty job

Authorities plan to ship 17 tons of radioactive dog fish to the Hanford Nuclear Reservation near Richland, Wash., for disposal. The poop rides from 838 dogs who were used for tests on the effects of radiation exposure. The dogs are already buried at the site.

BOXED IN

Angry parents hoped to embarrass school in Rolling Prairie, Ind., to have a playpen restriction law that was supposed to hold disruptive students — because they thought it was child abuse!

The plywood "detention box" contained a bench and a one-way window. Teachers could look in, but the shitty child couldn't look out.

The box was never used and principal Russell Herbstritter agreed to burn it after he was confronted by about 40 concerned parents.

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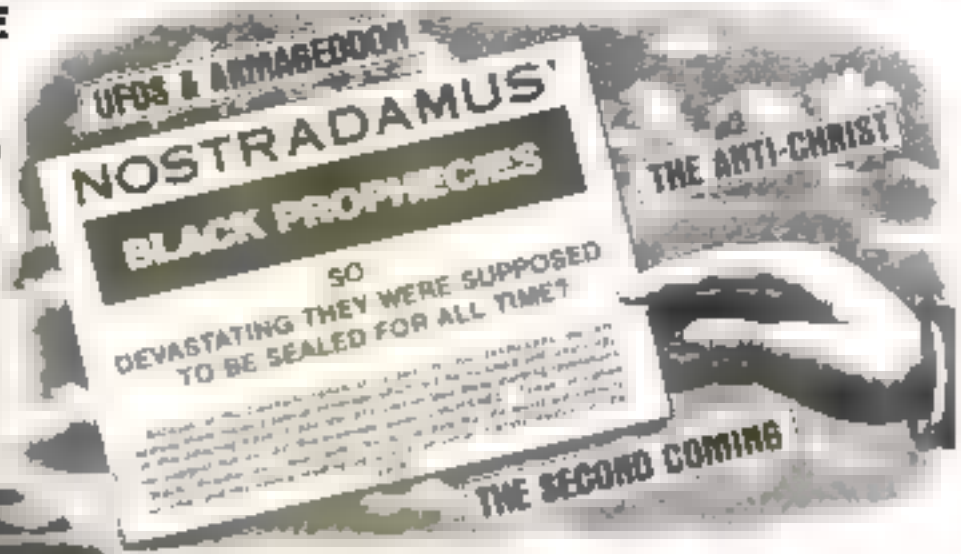

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You don't have to catch AIDS when you get a cavity filled

BEAL dentists listen to a ball game or a fight — and some feisty background music — while they work on your teeth.

HOW TO TELL IF YOUR DENTIST IS A LIMP-WRISTED TOOTH FAIRY

I'm madder than a beaver with braces at all this panic over gay dentists putting their fingers in patients' mouths and giving them AIDS.

If you don't want your dentist to kill you, don't go to a tooth fairy, for crying out loud.

MY AMERICA

By ED ANGER

I got hot one of my front choppers fixed so I'd look good at the Weekly World News Christmas party and I didn't worry one bit about my gentle doc being a homosexual with a drill.

So how can you tell if your dentist is a nancy?

Easy.

1. My teeth doc wore a blouse. Large unicorn by Jean Paul and wrist dot under his flapped dentistry so suspended from roof hole on bullets during surgery and wouldn't bump my pointy painkillers. Gay dentists would shudder at the thought of anything so manly.

2. My dentist has the American Eagle holding missile bombs in its claws tattooed on her forearm. Gay dentists would probably have a pretty little butterfly tattoo.

3. My dentist loved it when I refused to take novocaine for a root canal and actually stood up during the entire operation. Gay dentists are too squeamish to work on tough patients like me who refuse painkillers.

4. My dentist's assistant is a 19-year-old girl 36-24-36 — and she never graduated from high school. Most gay dentists have long-haired men assistants who talk with a lisp and dress a little fit if your dentist has doesn't match your shirt.

5. My dentist cursed a lot when he's working on my teeth and doesn't hesitate to move a healthy tooth out of the way so he'll have more room to work. Gay dentists say things like, "Golly gee," and "I'll try to be gentle."

Everybody says that while he's working on my choppers and I'm gonna have, folks!

6. Gay dentists play soft tunes of Liberace music that woman and hippopotamus like in their offices. My doc usually has the ball game or a fight on the radio. Penny dentists don't like sports.

And if you still have doubts about whether your dentist is gay and is going to give you AIDS, check out his doctor's coat.

If it's pink or has pretty flowers on it get the hell out of there!

WHAT A STEAL!

Art buff John Harrington paid a measly 300 bucks for a rare painting mistakenly sold at a garage sale — then learned his find is worth a whopping $35 million!

The world's top art experts have verified that the oil painting he bought in 1961 is the work of legendary Venetian artist Giorgione (1478-1510).

Florida man buys $35,000,000 painting for $300

"It was an incredible find," the Osprey, Fla., man told The NEWS.

"At the time I had no idea what it was worth. All I knew was that it was very old."

The painting, which after years of extensive research he's entitled *Marcus Aurelius Among Philosophers*, has been appraised at $35 million but Christie's in London said at auction it could go for as much as $80 million.

"The experts believe it's an early version of Giorgione's *Three Ages of Man*, which hangs in the Pitti Palace in Florence," said Harrington, who's convinced his painting is the better one.

Incredibly, he made his amazing find the day after he dreamed about the old man pictured in the painting.

"I had a very disturbed night," said the ex-Marine. "I kept dreaming about art. Venice and an old man with penetrating eyes. Then, the next day I was driving around Atlanta and went into a warehouse I'd never been in before."

Inside, he spotted the ornate gold frame the painting was in and offered to buy it. The salesperson said it is hers for $300.

"When I got it home I recognized the old man in the painting was the same old man I'd dreamed about the night before. It was spooky."

And he also says it's a fluke the rare painting came to be in that Atlanta, Ga., warehouse in the first place.

"The Englishman who had owned it died without a will and his heirs ended up selling it off in an old-fashioned yard sale in 1960."

"Somewhere the owners got it by a long-with super-classy old things they thought were worthless and the painting was

ART GUY John Harrington with the painting he bought for $300. "The people who sold it have my guilt," he says.

literally fell through the cracks."

"I feel very lucky to have stumbled on it."

As for the family who sold the painting at the garage sale — "Well, they have my guilt," chuckled the disorganized shopper.

Currently, Harrington has painting that wants to sometime in the future.

"I don't need the money," he said. "I've got enough of that.

"But first I want to make sure the history of the painting is properly documented. I don't want it to be lost in the centuries to come. And I also want the old man to be happy."

Baby born with tooth!

Look what the stork brought by mail! Screaming baby girl Arlette Lavoy was born in a Saskatchewan (Canada) hospital with one tooth already in place — and she showed it off with that grin when she was just two hours old. But she'll really show through the gumsheet.

Government clamps a tight lid of secrecy on SPACE FOUND

Six frozen corpses recovered from starship crash site!

By TOM ALLEN
Special to The Weekly World News

A UFO expert says American and Nepalese authorities have recovered the bodies of six space aliens and the wreckage of their starship from an ice pack near the summit of a Himalayan mountain peak.

He also charges that the governments of both countries are conspiring to keep the awesome discovery secret "for fear of causing a global panic if all the facts are made public.

"They have the pieces of a starship, they have the bodies of six space aliens — but they don't want us to know about it," said Henri Degala, president of the Paris-based watchdog group, Scientists for Truth in UFO Reporting.

"The cover-up is not only inexcusable, it is outright criminal," he added.

"The discovery of the UFO and its crew and everything that is known about them belongs in the public arena."

Degula quoted unnamed Nepalese military sources as having said that the wreckage and crew were discovered

Cruel fiend threw kitten through neighbor's window

Angry Russell Kemp Jr. got so [illegible] when his next-door neighbor's kitten wandered into his yard that he picked up the helpless animal — and tossed it through the neighbor's window, said cops.

The sickening sight that greeted Donnie Beebe and family after they ran to investigate the sound of breaking glass is one they'll never forget.

"Our little kitten was up on the landing flipping around," said Beebe of Des Moines, Iowa.

"I picked it up — it was still quivering — and handed it to my girlfriend. She held the kitten until it died about 60 seconds later."

The horrible act of cruelty occurred as Beebe and his family were watching television one evening.

"I was watching TV when I heard this loud crash," Beebe said.

"It came through the window by the stairs and it was in a lot of pain.

"But it didn't live very long." While Beebe's mother Eleanor ran outside to confront Kemp . . .

. . . say cops

Beebe called the police. He told authorities that earlier that same day Kemp had threatened to throw the kitten through a window after one had wandered into his yard.

"You don't control cats," said Beebe, 22.

"What are you going to do — put them on a leash and chain them to a fence?"

"It also upsets me that my girlfriend's 4-year-old sister saw all this."

Maggie Main, the assistant Polk County attorney in charge of the case, said the decision to file a charge of cruelty to an animal against 23-year-old Kemp, who's also been charged with criminal mischief.

"It was a senseless thing to do," she said.

"You don't kill a harmless kitten because you're mad at your neighbor.

"I've always felt there should be some stronger statutes for

OOPS — WRONG BLOOD

A 47-year-old man died after a transplant operation because the heart he received was the wrong blood type.

The unidentified man's blood type was listed incorrectly on the computer that matches donors with recipients.

"His chance of survival would have been 100 percent if the heart had matched," said Dr. Robert Emery of the

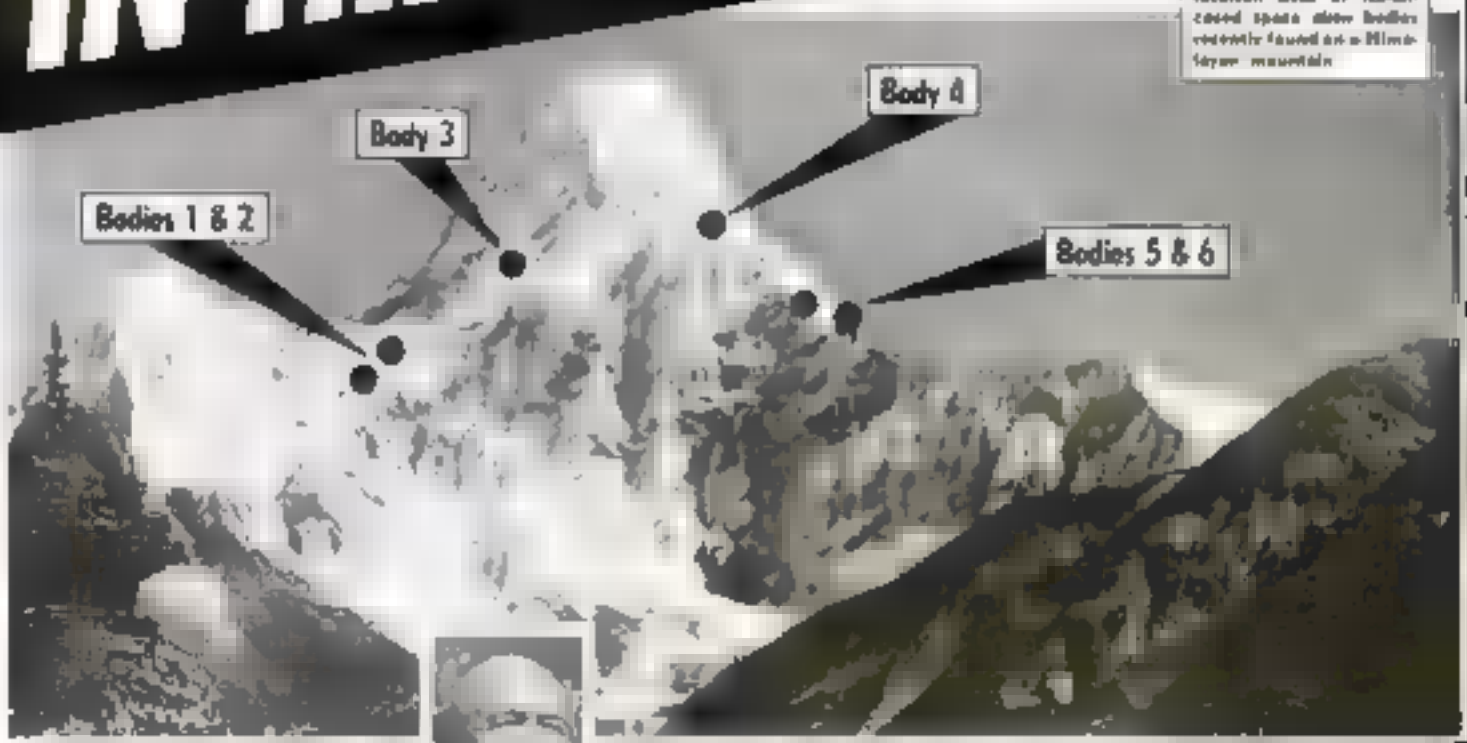
Here's why women bosses are better

Women bosses have a distinctly different leadership style than men — and their way may be better!

Men lead by command and control while women bosses share information and power with workers, says a new study by Professor Judith Rossner of the University of

incredible discovery!

ALIEN BODIES IN HIMALAYAS!



ARROWS mark approximate location sites of television-crowned spaces above bodies recently found on a Himalayan mountain

TOP UFO expert Henri Vagon right charges that the U.S. and Nepalese governments have pulled out all stops in a massive effort to keep secret the bizarre discovery.

by some mountain climbers discovery in the mountains earlier this year.

The Nepalese government requested the assistance of the United States in the recovery operation, he added, which took several months because the bodies and wreckage were scattered over a two-mile area.

Government spokesmen in both countries have not responded to repeated inquiries.

"But I have at least the assurance of my sources that the alien bodies were about three feet tall, had oversized heads and eyes and small, weak-looking limbs," he continued.

"Fragments of a sturdy metal unlike anything found on Earth were also discovered, some as big as car doors."

[illegible] as elegant: they have been removed from the site as well as fish and hundreds of wild bird eggs, all [illegible]ed.

"That would seem to suggest that the aliens were on some sort of exploratory mission to Earth when their spaceship crashed," said the expert.

"The creatures were encased in an oil of castor so there was little or no decomposition. The bodies and wreckage could be 10 years old or 10,000 years old.

"Until the powers that be studies and analysis there's no way we'll ever know."

The expert said it is doubtful that he will ever be able to obtain copies of official documents from the countries. But he hopes to publish a full report based on their verbal communications within the month.

WACKY LAWS!

Talk about wacky laws! It's illegal to stump-wrestle in public in New Jersey, ride a bike within four hours of eating garlic in Gary, Ind., throw manure at people in Princeton, Tex., serve wine in a teacup in Topeka, Kans.!

Man wins $8,600 the hard way!

Rabb Martin won $8,600 smelly pig manure. "No guts, no glory — that's my catch phrase," said Martin, 21, of Kitchener, Ontario.

— TOM ALLEN

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She put the pedal to the metal & crossed the U.S. in 59 days

FIRST LADY OF AMERICA'S HIGHWAYS

LADY DRIVER Alice Huyler Ramsey was the title of "Woman Motorist of the Century" before she died at age 96.

No one could accuse Alice Huyler Ramsey of not having any drive. At least, not after 1909 — when she became the first woman to drive a car across America!

And the spunky, 21-year-old New Jersey mom scored that historic first long before the U.S. was criss-crossed with paved highways and before the days of power steering, windshields or gas stations on every corner!

ALICE at the wheel of her Maxwell in 1909.

It took Alice and her three female companions 59 grueling days to make the overland journey from New York City to San Francisco where they were greeted by a cheering crowd of thousands who lined Market Street.

The trip began on a rainy morning in June. With Alice were sisters-in-law Margaret Atwood and Nettie Powell and her three-year-old Junior.

"We looked like a quartet of nuts," Alice quipped as they approached the middle-length black panties worn over bulky, full skirts.

Their spiffy, 1909 Maxwell was jammed with tires, tires, a spare, water jug and a food basket, leaving only enough room for one small suitcase for each woman.

By MICKEY McGUIRE

In Cleveland, they zipped along at an incredible 41 m.p.h., the Maxwell's top speed. But in Iowa, they encountered 13 days of rain that had them churning through a vast sea of mud.

"Am I foolish to go on?" Alice asked herself. "Am I just stubborn?"

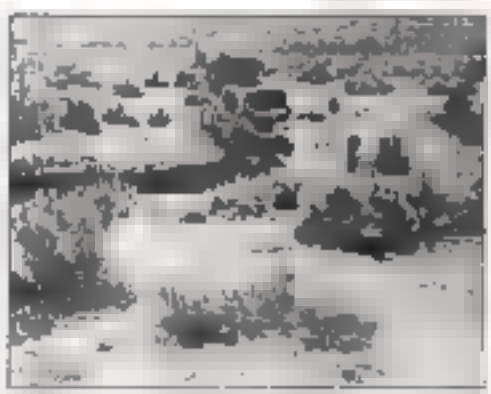
She was quick to settle her own doubts. "I will drive every inch of the way if it kills me," she vowed.

'I'll drive every inch of the way if it kills me!'

And drive every inch of the road, Alice Huyler Ramsey became the first woman to span America behind the wheel of a car.

She drove from Arrington 30 more times and, in 1960, was named Woman Motorist of the Century. She died in Covina, Calif., at the age of 96 in 1978.

And here's one to mine-on — she never had an accident and got only one ticket (for a U-turn) in her lifetime.



TIGHT REIN!

Gridiron foes Darrow mother Jean James keeps a tight rein on his son Instinct dangles as she tells the two rookies for a walk through a park in Duncan, Tex.

Lovesick buck attacks oldster — & kills him!

By CINDY O'NEIL

Insane with the passion of mating season, an eight-point buck charged an elderly man and mauled him to death.

Charlie Coleman, 61, of Caldwell, Tex., was searching for antique bottles along the side of a country road when the 160-pound deer attacked him. Coleman's skull was crushed and more than 100 hoof prints marked his body.

The aggressive beast stood guard over Coleman's trampled body all day. When deputies arrived they shot the deer as he charged at them.

"It was the most unbelievable thing I've ever seen," said Deputy Tom Randall.

"It was more of a massacre than an attack."

Here's why men beat their wives

Canadian and American studies have recently come up with a typical profile of men who abuse their wives or girlfriends — and the picture isn't pretty.

Some common characteristics of abusers are:

- They are systematically dependent on their victims.
- They blame the victim for their violent actions.
- They are very jealous.
- They have low self-esteem.
- They were abused as children.
- They are drug or alcohol dependent.
- They refuse to admit that they have a problem.

'I DID IT!'

The fear of infertility is forcing some women to get pregnant just to prove to themselves that they can do it, says a

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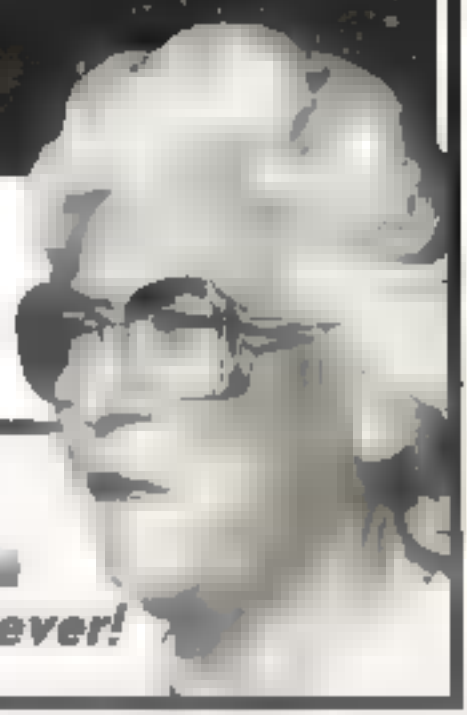


WIDOW Margaret Heinemann won't eat till she dies, so she can go back to heaven and be with her husband forever

EXTRA
U.S. World News

aret Heinemann is living for the day she dies and late husband Harry in heaven — for the second

-year-old widow was with her beloved mate when were horrible car wreck. The elderly pair were both brought to without a pulse, revived Margaret. y, the former school- clearly remember the r death and her hand heaven with Harry. happy there together, but a few minutes," the Bern, now said in an article for r ext thing I remember is emergency room rushed

Harry Heinemann

Now go BACK . . . and her beloved forever!

lance rushed her into the emergency room.

"The doctors told me I was brought in without a pulse," the frail old lady said. "They said I had some bad head injuries and bleeding. They said it took them about three minutes to get my pulse back and stop the hemorrhaging.

"I don't remember any of that. But what I do remember is like a beautiful vision. I was lying on the stretcher and I saw Harry come to me. The next thing I knew I was floating above my body, holding hands with my husband.

warmest, sweetest feelings enveloped us. We came to a lovely place where our dead son Andrew waited for us. We were just so happy to be all together."

But although she wanted to stay with her husband, Margaret was wrenched back to life seconds later, waking on a gurney as she was being wheeled into an operating room.

She remembers her return to life as a shock and a disappointment, but the brave grandmom says she believes it was God's will.

"That's the only thing that's keeping me going without Harry," the woman told a reporter for the Lutheran Church Bulletin in her hometown.

"I pray that I can serve Him in the way He wants and that He will let me return to heaven soon to be with Harry."

Peddlers make more than doctors — in Poland!

Rosa Wojcieh makes pretty good money by peddling her carved wooden figures on the streets of Warsaw, Poland — about four times more than a top-flight surgeon!

Spencer, a physician is practicing internal medicine in a Gdansk clinic.

And it seems working for the Polish government is not the way to go if you want to be in the high income bracket.

Attorney Maciej Sladowski took to the streets where he found he could make as much money in two

GIANT HOBOSCOPE

FOR WEEK OF
Mon., Dec. 31-Sun., Jan. 6

By Countess Sophia Sabah

ARIES
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

There should be very comfortable and enjoyable days with the hectic activity of the holidays slowing down emotionally for some contemplative moments.

You may ask yourself in mentality as one year moves to a close and another one begins.

This should be a good week to be close to your point of loved one.

You've made it through the year in one piece, it seems, and should be happy with what you've accomplished.

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May 20

You'll have several good days this week, as the New Year begins for you.

This does open doors pointing with personal ambitions temporarily — the facts is so temporary.

Be prepared, as exciting, challenging choices may be ahead for you.

A major domestic change could be in the sky, but nothing you shouldn't be able to handle with ease. Trust your own judgment here and now, and all through the New Year, too.

GEMINI
May 21-June 20

The beginning of the New Year should bring you very good days. You probably couldn't ask for a better sense of well-being.

You may find your lighthearted feelings turning a bit serious, however, later in the week.

This should give you a few moments to consider what you want in the coming year.

Generosity should be the key to winning over those who may be critical of your past and future achievements. But don't overdo it.

CANCER
June 21-July 22

Last week should have been great, and there should still be a lot of fun and a sense of freedom to the air.

Cheerful planning and view one of these will free you from obligations by midweek.

The second day New Year's week is an eventful status and domestic adjustments.

You could begin a love affair with someone from your past. You should move slowly in the relationship. You shouldn't hope to have today what really belongs to tomorrow.

LEO
July 23-Aug. 22

This should be a time for reflection. Allow yourself a chance to be alone with your thoughts. From this interval you will gain new and helpful insights into your New Year.

You may find your days hectic but evenings should be free for quiet times.

Plans made this week before the middle you destiny over the year.

Let your conscience be your guide in money matters. Make sure that you've found a sure thing before letting go of your hard-earned cash.

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Lessons of life may be brought home at this time of year and you should feel a new sense of maturity.

You should have some golden opportunities during midweek. You'll probably feel slightly emotional and sentimental about the New Year.

Everything seems to indicate that a fortune break may be coming your way in the very near future. Be alert so that you can take full advantage of your good fortune.

Now should be a good time to complete tasks at hand.

LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

It should be a fair weather week! You should have a good time in the first days of the New Year.

Look forward to financial gain in the New Year. Money you invested some time ago may bring you a bonus.

Patience should be the key in smoothing out what may be a rocky relationship.

Understanding is indicated at this time. Be a sympathetic listener and remember that time and your own good sense are on your side.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

It looks like another good week for you! They should keep rolling in during the New Year, so put on all luck and enjoy them.

There may be some work particularly stressful this week. You should like the changes for the better that your new goals should make.

It isn't wise to give an ultimatum when trying to win a loved one over to your way of thinking. It may infuriate the person to see that you actually have their best interests at heart. Be patient.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Now should be the time to start putting into action all those plans you've made for the New Year.

Don't hesitate or procrastinate. Your smallest effort should be rewarded.

Your [illegible] heart will probably [illegible] with a desire to help the needy and those unable to help themselves. You'll be rewarded for every thing you can do.

A new direction may be seen in affairs of the heart this week.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You should have a very smooth and workable a very happy week for the beginning of your New Year.

You'll probably be able to create more blessed harmony on the home front, but you be a very patient listener this week.

You may find that there are people who need you, and this should make you feel very good indeed.

A run of good fortune can bring you great happiness if you guard against taking it for granted.

Enter all the sweepstakes you can!

If your birthday is this week . . .

Everything promises to go smoothly and your way this year.

You should find the upcoming year brings important new ties with family members and partnership ventures.

If you decide to relocate — and it may be the best move of your life — it takes less time than you imagine. There are good forces at work to help you along with these exciting plans.

An individual you always thought was indifferent may become romantic.

Roll with the punches and everything should work out, making this a wonderful year for you.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

It should be a good New Year's week for you, although there may be some serious overtones, but you can handle it.

You may want to adjust your perspective on the past year and the year ahead.

You should feel very content with the progress you've made, but now you may want to dig into new plans and look to the future.

You should feel good about taking a positive step in matters of the heart.

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Think along realistic lines this New Year's week rather than trust your emotions. You should come out ahead and you won't be sorry.

This promises to be an excellent time to cultivate new friends. An especially sensitive person may surprise you with new insights into what makes you tick. Information you can use to your financial advantage now.

Now's the time to indulge yourself before settling down to your New Year's resolutions.

Your Lucky Lottery Numbers

WIN • WIN • WIN • WIN • WIN • WIN

Readers all over the country are using Countess Sabah's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks. You will find the Countess' Lucky Numbers right here each week to help you become a winner, too! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. For extra luck, throw in your birthdate.

Aries	Mar. 21 – Apr. 19	1, 13, 14, 20, 24, 26	Libra	Sept. 23 – Oct. 22	6, 15, 16, 18, 28, 29
Taurus	Apr. 20 – May 20	10, 16, 18, 21, 24, 27	Scorpio	Oct. 23 – Nov. 21	1, 8, 11, 20, 22, 23
Gemini	May 21 – June 20	4, 5, 10, 16, 19, 21	Sagittarius	Nov. 22 – Dec. 21	3, 11, 17, 21, 28, 30
Cancer	June 21 – July 22	3, 12, 17, 22, 23, 31	Capricorn	Dec. 22 – Jan. 19	12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 23
Leo	July 23 – Aug. 22	10, 20, 26, 28, 30, 31	Aquarius	Jan. 20 – Feb. 18	2, 10, 15, 22, 23, 27
Virgo	Aug. 23 – Sept. 22	7, 14, 17, 23, 25, 31	Pisces	Feb. 19 – Mar. 20	6, 11, 12, 20, 24, 30

BANZAI!

Those sushi-lovin' Japanese [redacted] destroying our forests — to make chopsticks!

The great chopstick peril is threatening [redacted] woodlands.

Millions of rice-chomping, noodle-gobbling [redacted] pose are gnawing gaping holes in the world's priceless timber supply, mowing down our [redacted] forests like an endless army of termites — to make chopsticks destined for Tokyo's trash heap.

Last year alone, fork-shunning sushi lovers shoveled food to their mouths with an incredible 11 billion pairs of chopsticks — using enough of our precious wood to build at least 15,000 lavish homes.

The used utensils end up in Japan's city dumps, along with countless thousands of disposable wooden lunch boxes.

Japan has plunged headfirst into the throwaway age and chopsticks are just one of the most visible examples of that," said Tokyo store owner Teruo Hashima.

It's developing a national disgrace.

"The sticks are all over the streets and the garbage trucks are full of them.

"There was a time when a pair of chopsticks would be made to last almost forever, but those days are sadly gone.

Japan has a measly 2.3 percent of the world's people, but the country consumes a third of the earth's exported wood and 70 percent of the wood exported by other Asian nations.

Experts say Japanese gourmets have devoured so much of our precious rain forests it will take from 400 to to 2,000 years for them to grow back, even if the onslaught stops today.

"When the trees are cut away it causes soil erosion and landslides," says conservationist John Hellman.

"This results in flooding and the soil flows to the sea, where it buffs coral reefs, a source of ocean life."

[redacted] metal cans and paper. But nothing spurs the Japanese consumer [redacted] a national pastime.

"The world is on the move and the people have to be able to move to keep up," said Kenneth Courtis, [redacted] ally economist.

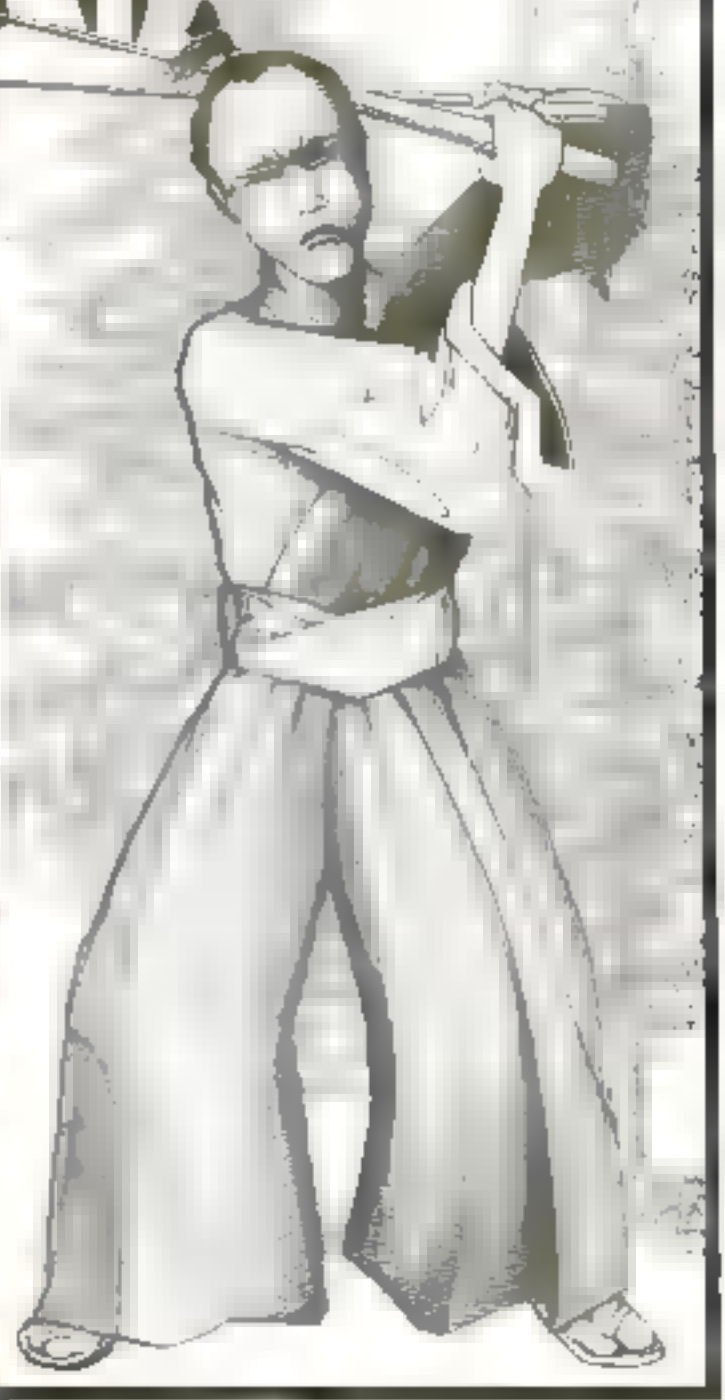
"Instead of throwing away the chopsticks, Japan can reuse them and store them. That would be very environmental.

It may be a big job, but the people will never change.

Japanese chopsticks fanatic Mamoru Hara said he knows of only one chopstick recycling program — a home farmer who collects the sticks for his compost heap.

— JIM MORGAN

ELMAT RAW FISH dinners must be eaten with wooden chopsticks. Avoid Japanese gourmets. Below, a Tokyo hygiene chore down on a live octopus.



Sex-change con sues state and collects!

A transsexual who was locked up in her behind bars with tough cons even though she had a sex change at age 18.

She claimed she was molested and harassed by prison guards and forced

Saddam Hussein stages phony

SNAKE-IN-THE-

SADDAM HUSSEIN cheats to get what he wants.

How to tone a flabby bottom

You can tone up a flabby bottom or keep a perfect one in shape with this six-point plan from experts:

1. Massage your thighs daily to improve tone and circulation.

2. Eat less salt to avoid retaining water.

3. Walk or jog to reduce fat and develop lean muscle.

4. Exercise your bottom by clenching and unclenching your buttocks a few minutes each day.

5. Eat lots of fresh fruits and vegetables in fiber bottom-building helps cut of your body.

6. Blast your behind and thighs with cold water after you shower to tighten skin and improve circulation.

IRAQI CHEATERS get the boot after they were caught out of their wheelchairs during secret training session.

By CHUCK BOWEN
Special to The Sphinx

Iraq's [redacted] "crippled" athletes vying for medals at the wheelchair Olympics were booted out on their rears — when they were caught bopping around without their wheelchairs!

Saddam Hussein's two-bit cheaters were caught out of their wheelchairs and doing deep-knee bends, sit-ups, push-ups and jumping jacks at the Olympic games site in Bilbao, Spain.

"I saw them training on the weekend and some of the exercises they were doing even a seasoned athlete would have difficulty doing," declared games official Enric de la Fetain.

"They were getting up from the ground with no apparent difficulty. And when they saw me watching, they suddenly began [redacted] back to their wheelchairs."

In its official statement, the games governing body made mention of the team's skirmishing art of deception, saying [redacted] that it was [redacted] believe "because we felt the team was using the games purely for political purposes."

But others among the 215 crippled and wheelchair-bound athletes from 13 countries competing in the games said they were suspicious of Hussein's foot-blasting puppets right from the start of the international competition.

"It was plain enough they weren't handicapped in any way at all," declared Ismail Khader, a 29-year-old member of the Iraqi team who was left paralyzed from the waist down in a farm accident.

"Many times I saw the Iraqi athletes use their feet to pivot their wheelchairs and the way they were using their lower-body muscles was a dead giveaway.

"They won four medals before they were caught up in their disgusting lie. But what else can you expect from people who don't know the meaning of fair play and honor?"

But even as they were being herded onto a bus in disgrace, the "crippled" Iraqi athletes proudly held aloft the medals they won by cheating.

At the opening ceremony, loud-mouthed Iraqis chanted ugly slogans and displayed posters viciously attacking the United States.

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cripples to steal medals from disabled athletes

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DO THESE troops look crippled? They're not, but the disgusting pair above will stand of thug medals they stole from disabled athletes.

. . . because they CAN WALK!

Harebrained excuses folks give for not paying bills

"I backed over my husband in the driveway. I'm sorry, but I've been so upset for the past three months that I couldn't write any checks."

That's just one of the wacky excuses bill collectors hear when they try to get people to pay up. Here are some others that have delighted the minds of bill collectors around the nation:

● "Unknown sub from Mount St. Helens

clogged our computer-tied check-writing machine," insisted a businessman.

● "Sorry, but I can't pay," sighed another debtor. "I'm in jail. I'll pay you back as soon as I get out — 1½ years with good behavior."

● "I got the check in my mailbox. But a snowplow came along and took my mailbox. Now I don't know where it is," claimed another.

● And one man swore he'd written the address and telephone number of the collection agency on his shirt cuff — then his wife took the shirt out to the laundry.

● Another note claimed that he had run out of checks and that all the printers were on strike.

● One inventive fellow insisted he had the address of the collection agency in his hand and was all set to pay up, when a sudden gust of wind blew the address into a nearby river.

● And finally, there was the guy who didn't even wait to make an excuse. He simply placed his own obituary in a local newspaper, then sent clippings out to all his creditors."

— HELEN WEATHERHOLTZ

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SEX-CRAZED SATANISTS? [illegible]

Evil church makes life hell for Michigan grandparents!

By SUSAN JIMISON
Staff writer

The Devil has come between Raymond Cook and his beloved family — and the angry granddad says he's going to fight back with everything he's got.

The heartbroken Lansing, Mich., man and his wife Jewel have been accused by their Bible-thumping daughters Marlene Knight and Connie Smith, of being sex-crazed satanists — but the couple swear it's not true.

As a result of the tragic turmoil in their family, they lost all contact with their daughters and their grandchildren and had to undergo a humiliating investigation into child abuse charges that were later dropped.

"To have your kids say these things about you and then cut you off out of the blue is unbearable," said Cook, 61, a retired police officer who blames his daughters' church for the destruction of his family.

"I warned my kids about drugs and alcohol but I never thought I'd have to tell them to be careful of church.

"We never saw it coming. We knew they were getting involved with a church and quot- [illegible]

[illegible] one them needs are [illegible] My kids and granddaughters [illegible]

The Cooks' nightmare began [illegible] and a half ago, shortly after Raymond retired from the Michigan State Police.

The couple were looking forward to spending their golden age enjoying their daughters and nine grandchildren. But fate had something very different in store for them.

In March 1988 the phone rang and Raymond answered.

"It was Connie and she yelled, 'Don't you or Mother ever come over here again. Never!'" he recalled. "Then she said, 'I know what you are.' She wouldn't answer any of my questions. She just hung up. I [illegible] coming right through me."

The chilling reason behind Connie's bizarre call soon came out. After undergoing counseling sessions at her church, Connie accused her parents of sexually abusing her and performing satanic rituals in her presence. She "remembered" horrifying ordeals at the hands of her family, accusing them of drinking blood and sacrificing children and animals.

Marlene, who with her two daughters also underwent counseling at the Evangelical church, joined Connie in the charges. A police investigation was launched, but after 18 months [illegible] and hundreds of probing interviews, the charges were dismissed.

"There was clearly insufficient evidence," said State Police Lt. Robert Powers.

Tragically, the Cooks have given up hope of ever regaining the close and loving family shattered by the devil worship charges. But they hope that by speaking out about their ordeal, they might prevent other families from a fate like theirs.

"Word has to be gotten out to alert people to be careful," said Raymond.

"They can get caught up in these religious groups."

You just can't win

The trouble with being a good sport is that you have to [illegible]

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EAT-ANYTHING DIET

By MAN COLDEN

If you want to lose a pound a week and keep it off, try our "Anti-Diet." This amazingly easy method allows you to shed pounds without giving up your favorite foods.

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The secret of the Anti-Diet is simply learning how to eat like thin people, says Dr. Marshall, author of the book The Marshall Plan, which describes this easy method.

And the Eat-Anything Diet has only three simple rules:

1 Always eat the lightest food first. For example, if you're having spaghetti and meatballs, and you like the meatballs best, eat them first. Once you've polished off the best part of the meal you'll be less likely to stuff yourself.

2 Stop eating as soon as your hunger is relieved. "The size of a stomach is about the size of a tennis ball unit," Dr. Marshall said. "It takes only 8 to 12 bites to satisfy our hunger."

Of course you'll still eat about that by stretching your stomach, he added, but he said lifelong slim people never stuff themselves.

3 Eat only when you are actually hungry — when your stomach growls or you feel light-headed with hunger. Don't eat to be sociable, to kill time or to relax/enjoy.

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Some of them say I'm still too fat and need to lose another 20 pounds. Other people say I'm too skinny and need to gain weight so I won't look like a skeleton. I'm really confused, Dotti. What should I do? — Picked On in Providence

Dear Picked: Tell all those busybodies to get off your back. If you're pleased with your weight and feel good about yourself, that's ALL that counts!

Confidential

Dear Dotti: I don't care what your boyfriend says — he/she is STILL fat!

Dear Upset: Don't be a pushover. Those girls don't date by the pound!

Dear Frustrated: Sorry! The rest of those 11 "BIG" freaks!

Dear Worried: You should be scared. Any man who plays with guns is bad news!

Dear Amorous: Sounds like a better idea — Will there be room for me?

Dear Insecure: I don't have anything against crossdressers as long as they're strictly heterosexual!

Oh me, oh my — I'm a fool for you, baby

Dear Dotti: You are the most exciting woman on Earth. I love you very much. I was wondering if you could come to my house for a romantic interlude. Please say yes. — Lisa in Johnstown

Dear Lisa: Don't make me puke!

I've turned my wife into a sex kitten

Dear Dotti: My wife and I have an unusual agreement and we'd like to know what you think about it. I let her have lesbian lover trysts as often as she likes in exchange for her agreeing to make love only when I want. I do let her see me twice a day, but only for 30 minutes. In other words, she can refuse to have sex but if I ask her again after 30 minutes, she has to give in! I might add that I usually ask her or five times a day. So what do you think? Silly or not? — Power in Arlington

Dear Peter: If you ask me, you've turned your wife into a sex kitten. Sounds like you're getting the short end of the stick. Sex should be enjoyed by mutual consent — not when a husband like you demands it!

Must I put up with a messy bathroom?

Dear Dotti: I take a shower after my brother because he gets up last before I do. Well, by the time I get my chance there's mud and dirt in the tub, hair in the shampoo bottle, wet towels and gritty on the soap.

He doesn't even flush the toilet after he's finished using it. Help me, Dotti. How can I make my brother clean up after himself? — Disgusted in Virginia

Dear Disgusted: I get a lot of stupid letters but this one takes the cake. If you want to shower in a clean bathroom get up three HOURS your brother does. What difference does it make if he goes in last before you or not?

Mom pries through my private stuff

Dear Dotti: I love my mother dearly but I can't stand it when she goes into my bedroom and searches through my things. I'm not hiding anything. It's just that I have a lot of personal things and want how to respect my privacy. How can I make her stop? — Violated in Arkansas

Dear Violated: As long as you're living in your mother's house she has the right to rifle through your things any time she wants. You say you have nothing to hide — so why should you care if she looks?

What can I do to attract boys?

Dear Dotti: I'm in the eighth grade and even though I'm smart and attractive, I just don't seem to attract boys. Any suggestions? — Lonely in Chambersburg

Dear Lonely: Most men feel insecure in the company of smart women. With that in mind, you might want to play dumb.

Dotti will answer your letters — and not a line is in fun with us. Dear Dotti, c/o Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462.

Ask the Countess

Why did I dream I was in a TV sitcom?

Dear Countess: The other night I had a dream that I was on television. I was starring in a sitcom as the supervisor of a home for elderly people. I've often thought about becoming an actor and was wondering if my dream had any meaning. — Curious in Ohio

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Dear Curious: Your subconscious mind is telling you to pursue a career in nursing home supervision — and my crystal ball confirms that you'll be successful and happy if you do!

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Dear Countess: I've written to you many, many times and have yet to get an answer. I asked for your help but your name was never among the questions you chose to answer in your column. Please tell me why your column was the least important thing to you. If you need help some day and don't get it, you'll understand my disappointment. Thanks for nothing. — L.B. in South Ave.

Dear L.B.: I get thousands of letters every week and it's impossible for me to answer them all. I do my best to answer as many as I can, but I'm not a psychic blessed to read and study personal problems. To take full advantage of this blessing, readers should make sure they send me as much information as possible — your name, address, birth date and the exact time you were born. Only then can I give you a reading that's truly accurate.

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Dear Countess: Tell me when I desperately want and need to know. Thank you. — Sarah in Baltimore

Dear Sarah: Your dear mother does not have cancer and will be with you for years to come!

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Dear Countess: This may seem like a strange question but I'm going to ask it anyway. My husband vanished two years ago and I haven't seen, or heard from him since. Is he dead or alive? — Wondering in Memphis

Dear Wondering: Your husband was killed in a automobile accident in Miami last July. Check with the authorities there for full details.

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PERSONAL TO . . .

Worried in Kansas City: Your daughter is off to a slow start but don't worry about it. She has a post-graduate IQ and will do very well in school!

Grateful Al in California: Thank you very much. Please spend your lottery jackpot wisely.

Undecided in Wilmington: Don't dare change jobs. Your boss plans to give you a big promotion and raise in January!

Torn in Birmingham: Go ahead and marry the girl. She's a perfect match!

REINCARNATION SHOCKER

Past lives give people hell today!

A woman's agonizing headaches were caused by guilt over a murder she'd committed in a previous life . . . A man's great fear of heights resulted from his horrifying past death when he was pushed from a cliff.

These are just two of the astonishing cases taken from the case-histories of a leading reincarnation researcher — who says many psychological problems are actually caused by experiences in past lives.

"I have regressed about 1,000 people during my career, and I have found that many problems are rooted in previous 'lives'," psychologist Dr. Edith Fiore said.

In one startling case, a terrified woman went to Dr. Fiore seeking relief from her crippling headaches. Under hypnosis, the woman revealed that in a past life she had crushed the skull of her baby sister with a rock.

"Her present-day migraines were caused by guilt at this event," Dr. Fiore explained. The migraines disappeared after the woman learned their root cause, she added.

In a second case, an engineer suffered from an overwhelming fear of heights. He couldn't even visit his clients in high-rise buildings.

"We found that in a past life he was pushed over a cliff," Dr. Fiore revealed. "His fear of falling translated into a fear of heights."

The discovery changed the man's life. "Today that engineer has a nice office — on the fifth floor of a Los Angeles high-rise," said the doctor.

One man treated by the California therapist suffered from insomnia.

"Under hypnotic regression, I discovered that he had been a soldier in World War I and had dropped off to sleep while on guard duty," said Dr. Fiore. "A Japanese patrol found him and stabbed him to death."

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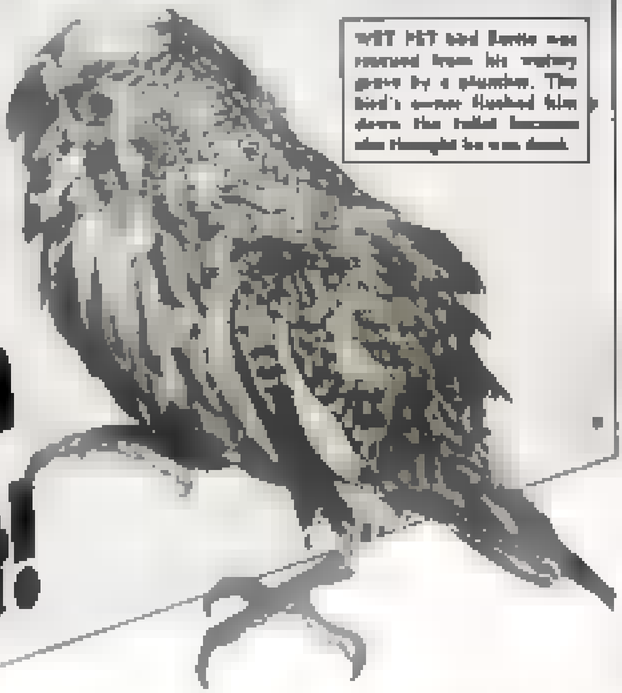

WET PET and Bertie was rescued from his watery grave by a plumber. The bird's owner flushed him down the toilet because she thought he was dead.

By
BEATRICE DEXTER

Lucky Bertie the parakeet miraculously escaped death in a watery grave — after his mistress flushed him down the toilet.

The born-again birdie was rescued from his precarious perch in the toilet plumbing after his owner heard him chirping for help.

"He just shook himself and flew off," said housewife Janet Betts of Sheffield, England, the feathered flusher's former owner.

"Those plumbers we didn't have to give him the kiss of life."

Bertie's ordeal began when he grabbed a chance for freedom and escaped from his cage.

He fluttered out through an open window and [illegible].

A blast of icy wind slammed Bertie to the ground. Mrs. Betts found her pet stiff as a [illegible] and thought he was dead.

"I was in such a state when I found Bertie outside," she recalled. "I didn't know whether to put him down the sink or the garbage chute."

Finally the bird's owner settled the toilet as a proper tomb for Bertie, and the poor bird was flushed away.

An hour after Mrs. Betts flushed Bertie to his final resting place she heard [illegible] ing from pipes behind her bathroom. She called in plumbers, who pulled the toilet apart and found Bertie in the pipework. He had [illegible].

Mrs. Betts was so upset by the near murder of her bird that she couldn't bear to look at her little victim any more [illegible].

The pet parakeet probably went cold with the chill," said a [illegible].

"The woman should have just brought him into the warmth. The water in the toilet probably revived him."

Man throws $32G party for monkeys

A hotel tycoon threw a $32,000 bash complete with waiters, napkins, menus and mountains of exotic food for a band of 600 shrieking monkeys!

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They ate cashews, vegetable salad and tropical fruits, Kitwattananusont said.

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Preacher swipes flowers off the grave

The family of Ellen Moodie is furious with their preacher because he stole all the flowers off her grave and used them to decorate his church!

Mrs Moodie, 95, died of a heart attack and was buried on a Saturday afternoon.

When her grieving family attended church services the next morning, they were stunned to see that the collection of flowers and wreaths that had been on her grave were surrounding the pulpit.

The Rev. Allan Scrivener didn't deny that he had pilfered the arrangements.

In fact, according to the old woman's son-in-law, Eddie Hubbard, the preacher said nothing but a grave robber," Hubbard told reporters in Berkhamstead, England. "You can't imagine how distressing it was to see Ellen's flowers there on the church.

"My wife and her sister were in tears and Rev. Scrivener didn't seem to give a damn.

"He was a very high-handed and acted like it was his God-given right to take flowers out of the cemetery as he pleased."

Hubbard called the police who confirmed that the flowers in Rev. Scrivener's church, St. Barnabas at Aldryfield, were the same ones that had been on poor Mrs Moodie's grave.

The family called the vicar about a private matter, however, and said no charges would be filed.

Rev. Scrivener initially was unconcerned

about all the matter but he later said "I have prayed and prayed about this and I can believe that I may have made a mistake.

"It is customary for flowers to

he brought into the church for decoration, but I suppose that I should have asked for permission to take them first."

Hubbard said that he and his family have always respected Rev. Scrivener as a preacher, "but he can be sure of one thing, after this we're looking for a new church."

Speeding up fast food

McDonald's found a way to shorten the insufferable one-hour wait for a Big Mac at its Moscow franchise — by raising the price of patties.

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Nice burglar

A heartbroken couple who lost their nearly blind dog in a break-in got him back — from the "kindhearted" burglar! "I definitely can't return your property . . . but I can return Taffy," the remorseful robber wrote to Pam and David Crandall. He kept the Catonsville, Md., couple's stereo, VCR, jewelry and frozen food.

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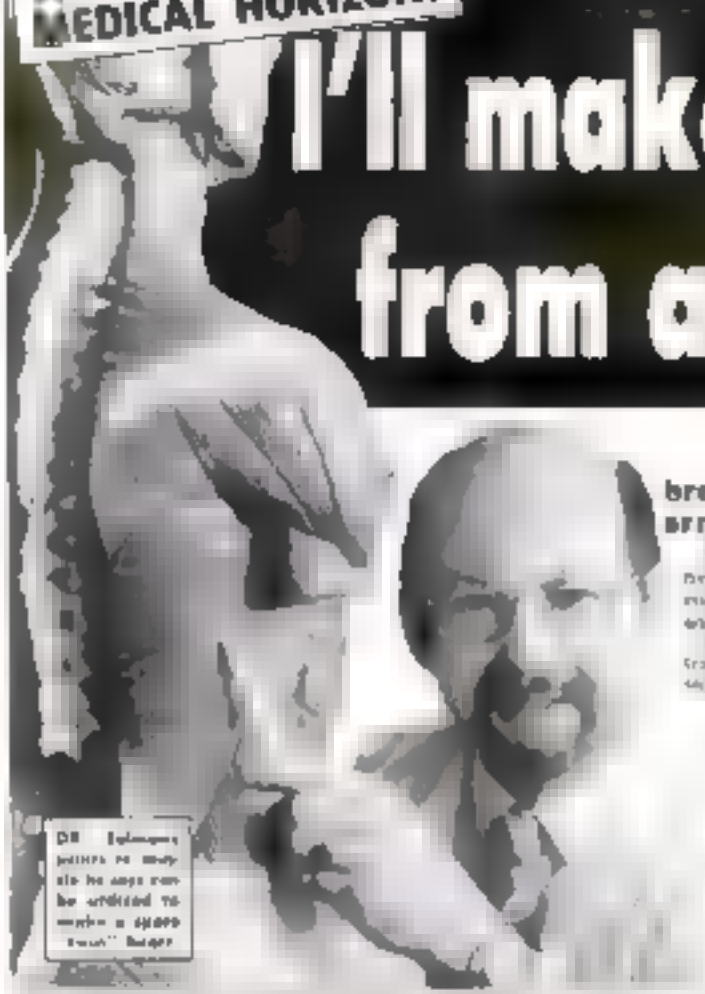

Dr. Salvador points to study as he says can be utilized to make a spare heart" beater

By MICHAEL TODD

Researchers are near an amazing new medical breakthrough that uses a heart patient's back and armpit muscle — and molds it into a standby ticker.

Scientists predict the incredible new medical technique will become routine with pioneering surgery within a couple of years.

By saving a sick heart, risky heart transplant surgery could be avoided. The substitute organ would beat alongside the patient's heart.

The new and difficult dissection is called up into a sprawling tube and the glanced next to the patient's own worked heart.

The new muscle is electrically stimulated causing it to contract, pumping blood around the body.

Pioneering research is being conducted by surgeons at the University of Birmingham, England headed by Dr. Marius Salvador.

The medical experts have discovered a method to stimulate the muscle in a way that is adapts to the new functions without tiring.

"If you call patient fatigue setting in for 24 hours you are home free," said Dr. Salvador. "We are now attempting it setting in for six weeks."

If the present rate of progress continues, the operation could be available in 5 to 10 years time," he said.

The twin heart technique takes some of the workload off the existing heart.

Electrical stimulus is supplied by a modified pacemaker, but Dr. Salvador is developing a complete new power supply for the system.

It might be possible to replace the existing heart completely, but we don't know for sure yet," said Dr. Salvador.

That is what we are working on."

Phony-baloney musician's gig is up!

Man posed as rock superstar — & sweet-talked gals out of thousand$, say police

Sterra

A clever con man who cops say bilked starstruck women out of money in four states by posing as a musician in the rock band *Starship* has been tossed into the pokey.

"He left a trail of broken hearts from California to Texas, but he sweet-talked one woman too many and she called us," said Dallas Police Detective Ron Salvestrino.

The 29-year-old woman, who won't be identified, said she met a man in a Dallas hotel bar who told her he was Nikki Sterra, a guitar player with *Starship*.

He called her two weeks later and they made the rounds in Dallas. "He gave her a personal check for $10,000 to cover their expenses," said Det. Salvestrino. During their high-flying $5,000 spending spree, the woman said they test-drove a Ferrari at the finest restaurants, bought him a $300 watch and a $1,000 coat and charged their fun to her American Express card.

The woman got a rude awakening when his $10,000 check bounced. She called police who arrested him at the Dallas airport.

The duped woman said he set her up masterfully. "You might think I'm stupid, but he really set everything up. It was so involved," she said.

Police said "Nikki Sterra" is really [redacted] Sterra, who has been arrested in California, Colorado, Arizona and Texas.

Sterra is jailed on $150,000 bond in Dallas on a charge of theft by deception. "We're going to try and get him away for good," Det. Salvestrino told The NEWS.

"The guy has been in prison three times and has 28 or so entries in his criminal record," said Det. Salvestrino.

Sterra has been convicted of [redacted] (probation-related) many swindling mostly women in his home state of California, according to Det. Salvestrino.

Meanwhile, the woman said Sterra calls her from his jail cell. She plans to sell her dog, electric guitar and anything else of his to reduce her overdue credit card balance.

"He can forget seeing any of it

CON MAN posed as member of the rock band *Starship*, whose real members are shown in photograph.

Wacky seal loves dairy cows

— & even tries to MATE with them!

By LAUREL BOWIE

Dim-witted Willie the elephant seal is red-blooded enough to romance a whole seaful of she-seals.

But when weird Willie gets a hankering for hanky-panky, he waddles out of the ocean — to make hay with a herd of dairy cows!

Nobody knows exactly why the sex-mad, 4,000-pound seal leaves his aquatic harem in search of greener pastures, but farmers in Wellington, New Zealand, are all shook up over his shenanigans.

"This has got to stop. That animal is driving my cows nuts," moaned disgusted dairy-maid Allan Bridson.

"He comes crashing into the pasture roaring and bellowing and chases the cows up and down, up and down.

"He's so big and so dumb with that he wiped the hell out of them.

"Milk production is all but down at that poor old cow that's getting the attention."

Farmers say they're pretty sure the blubbery lovestruck hunk never actually breached the virtue of any of the dairy beauties.

"I don't think he's managed to accomplish his goal as yet," said assured dairy worker Ward Tunnell. "But he's getting close enough to let the cows know exactly what his goal is.

"Most of them don't want anything to do with him, but there is one old gal who seems a little interested."

But since it's against the law to harm critters like whopping Willie, farmers say they don't know how to put a stop to his beef-chasing ways.

"I just hope I'm there with my video camera the day old Willie finally puts a loving hug on one of Allan Bridson's heifers."

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Butt-pincher gets 10 years in jail!

Weirdo Randy Bowles was sent to prison for 10 years because he has a screwy habit of sneaking up behind women — and pinching their [redacted]

"If he tries any of that stuff with the other prisoners, he could end up dead," said Police Officer Samuel Hoskins.

Bowles' peculiar pastime got him in a heap of trouble in October when he grabbed a woman in downtown Tulsa, Okla., and pinched her on the rear end.

"He just sneaked up behind her and yelled 'Twerk' and got her on the bottom," said Officer Hoskins. "She bopped him on the head with her umbrella and screamed."

Bowles, 36, ran from the scene before bystanders could grab him, but hours later he did the same thing to another woman and got caught.

CONVICTED [illegible] Randy Bowles is behind bars.

"The woman quickly reclaimed her composure and chased Bowles down the sidewalk and around a corner where he almost ran smack into a police officer," according to Officer Hoskins.

Bowles didn't have any better luck in court where District Judge Clifford Hopper sentenced him to two consecutive five-year terms for two counts of sexual battery.

Court records reveal Bowles was convicted in 1978, 1981 and 1982 of indecent exposure.

Tot torches dog — and burns down the house!

A two-bedroom home went up in flames after a 3-year-old boy set fire to his pet dog's tail — because it bit him.

"Toto was bad. Toto bit me. I set fire to Toto's tail," the youngster told his grandma.

The tot, his grandma and two older boys were in the house in Dayton, Ohio, when the fire started shortly after midnight, according to District Fire Chief Paul Hemmeter.

The older women were asleep on the couch when the boy grabbed a cigarette lighter and torched the dog's tail.

"He said the terrified animal raced around the house setting fire to almost everything he touched," said Chief Hemmeter. "The fire got out of control in a hurry."

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My sorority gave me the boot because I'm bald!

By MARTHA ATKINS
Staff writer

Pretty college coed Crystal Thompson was booted out of her sorority — because she was bald!

The University of Alabama freshman said she wore a wig during the sorority rush period but never tried to hide the fact she didn't have any hair. In fact, she even listed the disorder that caused her to shave her head on a form that was made available to the sororities.

. . . and it's not even my fault!

"I never tried to hide that my head was shaved," said Crystal, who suffers from trichotillomania, a disorder that causes her to pull out her hair. "My friends all knew and so did a lot of other people."

The 19-year-old student said she revealed she had a shaved head to the entire Sigma Kappa sorority when she received her pledge pin and that no one had anything bad to say about it.

But all of that changed when three of the sorority's officers paid her a visit the next day.

"They said they'd heard I'd shaved my head and that it would be in my best interest to de-pledge," said Crystal.

"I was stunned. I wouldn't understand what they were talking about. They told me I wasn't Sigma Kappa material and asked for my pledge T-shirt back."

She returned her shirt but after thinking about what had happened decided she had been treated unfairly and went public with her story.

"The more I thought about it, the madder I got," said Crystal. "It was discrimination, plain and simple. That's why I made up mine out of it. I wanted people in the

[illegible] of what was going on.

Sigma Kappa declined to comment on the incident but the national chapter did send a representative to help work out their problem. And even if the sorority does make reparation, Crystal said she wouldn't rejoin if they asked.

"I have no desire to be a member of Sigma Kappa," she said. "They're not who I thought they were.

"I've never even received an apology from them."

Sneak play

New York Knicks' Greg Grant (14), at 5-foot-7, smiles by the Denver Nuggets Dan Issel (31) after tossing at 7-foot-7.

Dentist scares teen to death!

A teenage girl with a phobia about dentists was actually scared to death when she had a couple of teeth pulled.

A heart attack prompted by a rush of nervous adrenalin mixed with anesthetic gas caused the death of Hannah Ross, 16, in Ewell, England.

"She had suffered a mental block about dental treatment for about four years and had absolutely refused to go to surgery," said Hannah's distraught mother, Gillian.

The healthy teen had been rushed into giant Lambeth Hospital in Surrey after years of being terrified of sitting on a dentist's chair.

[illegible] ping room she told us she was scared stiff.

"The fatal combination of general anesthetic and nervous adrenalin is a one-in-a-five-million chance," said dentist Geoff Graham, an expert in dental phobia.

"Hannah's nervousness before the operation set off an abnormal reaction between her system and the anesthetic gas, halothane," said anesthetist consultant Dr David Goldsmith.

Newlyweds split — because their pets fight

Newlyweds Stewart and Josephine Hutchinson are head over heels in love but they are now living 40 miles apart — because their pet panthers hate each other.

Every time Stewart's spoiled Cadet gets within six feet of his wife's lookalike Tanya, the dogs try to tear each other apart, so Stewart has moved back into his old bachelor pad in New Orleans. He said bachelor pad in New Orleans. He said: "I know it's a bit odd," said Stewart, 34, "but the friction between our pets would make life together impossible for us."

The couple tried to get their panthers to make friends with each other before they tied the knot seven months ago but with no luck. At one meeting the dogs got into such a vicious fight that both owners landed in the hospital with bites after trying to pry them apart.

Miserable, the dog-loving couple meet four times a week while their dogs stay in separate cars.

"It seems crazy but that's the way it has to be," said Josephine, 43, in her cottage in Kirkham. "Stewart and I can't bear to be separated from the dogs which we've had since they were puppies."

Pack of killer sharks tears 17 fishermen to shreds!

WHITE DEATH

The tropical lagoons of Australia's Great Barrier Reef have been stained [redacted] the [redacted] [redacted] 17 fishermen who, one after the other, went to their deaths — in the savage, ripping jaws of killer sharks!

The unimaginable slaughter has been blamed on a kill-crazed pack of great white sharks that has invaded the serene shallows that lie between the great reef and the east coast of Cape York Peninsula.

And so far, efforts by the Royal Australian Air Force to shoot the sharks from hovering helicopters have been a total failure.

"We've sent dozens of pilot-copters into the area and they have searched the waters diligently," said Queensland labour official Thom Reivantry. "But only the occasional ripple has been sighted — but the pack of killers that has brought this terrible tragedy to our shores. The Great Barrier Reef has always been infested with sharks of almost every variety and there has been the occasional fatal attack, especially by great whites.

But nothing like this has ever been heard of here before. Can you imagine 17 men ripped to shreds in a span of only 13 days?"

The first five boatmen victims were originally believed to have been lost in a bizarre series of accidents at sea. Only later did police realize all their small fishing boats were found ripped up on the sandy beaches.

There a fisherman, known only as Bumbling Billy, told how he watched as shocked horror as a pack of great white sharks attacked and killed his father-in-law and a teenage brother.

"They were in one boat and me and my mates were in another boat about 40 yards away," Bumbling Billy said. "Suddenly I heard a terrible screech.

"When I looked in the other boat, I could see that it was surrounded by fins ripping through the water.

"Then, one of the monsters clamped onto the boat and it shattered to pieces. My little brother and my wife's father were hurled into the water and they started swimming toward us.

"But they had no chance. About 30 sharks attacked them.

"There was nothing we could do. So we turned our boat and paddled for our lives for the shore.

"But some of the sharks came for us. They were too busy fighting over the kill they'd already had.

"We have dropped several harpoons in the area," Spivery explained. "They are tipped with deadly poison. If our helicopters start sighting dead sharks, we'll know our plan is a success."

Thou shalt not pay thy lawyer

Grandma Jessie Gordon got thrown in the gaboy after she refused to pay her lawyer — because she says the Bible forbids it!

The Tulsa, Okla., woman was sentenced to 30 days and a $500 fine after she declined to pay a $4,000 judgment to the lawyer who helped her win custody of her grandaughter.

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SWEETHEARTS VANISH IN TUNNEL OF LOVE

VACATIONING couple got more than they bargained for at a carnival's tunnel of love — they vanished without a trace. Cops are looking at possible supernatural causes for their disappearance.

By TOM ALLEN
Special to Weekly World News

A laughing young couple sailed into a carnival tunnel of love — but they never sailed out!

The mystifying disappearance of 26-year-old Jocelyn Lee Laffon and Robert R. Brun, 27, from the fairgrounds near Dornburn, Austria, has been the focus of a full-scale investigation that, police officials admit, has not produced one clue to the missing tourists' whereabouts.

Police Det. Gerard Vallens told reporters it would have been nearly impossible for Miss Laffon and Brun to have faked their disappearance. And foul play, he added, was out of the question.

"They floated into the tunnel in a little brown boat along with everybody else, but when their boat reappeared at the other end, the couple was gone," said Det. Vallens. "That was three weeks ago and they have yet to turn up anywhere. It's as if they vanished into thin air."

Det. Vallens said Miss Laffon and Brun, of Wallburg, France, were vacationing in Dornburn when they went to the carnival and into the tunnel.

"There's nothing unusual about the thing," said the cop. "It's more or less a fiberglass tube, in two sections that are bolted together.

"The lower portion holds just under three feet of water, and the boats are pulled through with cogwheel machinery in an electric winch."

Carnival worker Werner Meuning told Det. Vallens that the couple entered the tunnel laughing and kissing. When the boat emerged empty, he said, he instantly went in after them.

"My first thought was that they had somehow fallen out of the boat and had drowned," said Meuning. "But then — when I waded into the tunnel to look for the pair, there was nothing to be found."

Meuning told police he and an assistant were stationed at the ends of the tunnel and that they were positive Brun and Miss Laffon did not emerge from either end.

Nicole Kahler, Brun's sister, said in a telephone interview that the couple had planned a January wedding and had no reason to run away.

Witch trial scorecard

Of the 31 people sentenced to death at the Salem, Mass., witch trials in 1692, only 19 were hanged, seven were captured and three died of other causes.

The fate of one doomed witch is unknown while another escaped, says the *Encyclopedia of Witchcraft and Demonology*.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL CONFIRMS: HUNDREDS CURED!

Miracle pickup truck heals the sick

. . . after doc who owns it dies!

By LAUREL BOWIE
Special correspondent

Kindhearted country doctor Gustavo Gomes spent 43 years bouncing through the hills of northern Brazil in his rusty old Ford pickup truck, curing the ill and comforting those who could no longer be cured.

But gentle Gustavo died last summer at the age of 76 — and now his tumbledown truck heals the sick all by itself!

"I know it's wild, but it's true," dumbfounded Dr. Alejandro Duarte told reporters in the city of Maparu.

"We've seen scores of villagers cured of everything from toothaches to hepatitis to tuberculosis just by sitting in the cab of Dr. Gomes' truck.

of these people and to them, just being in his truck is like being with the doctor himself. Maybe it's mind over matter, but whatever it is, it works.

"These people climb into the truck sick and climb out totally cured."

Goodhearted Gustavo established a tiny office in Maparu, but since 1947 he'd traveled more than 200 miles a week caring for impoverished villagers in the hills outside the city.

"Gustavo was the only real [illegible] and ever known," said his former nurse Maria Freyre.

"They considered him a holy man. They couldn't pay him, but sometimes they gave him chickens or fruit or vegetables they had grown.

"And they gave him their love. That's all that mattered to him."

When their beloved doc died, mourners in the village of Taracuna asked his family for his rusty, beat-up old pickup truck.

a monument to his memory. And within weeks, bewildered villagers began spreading the word that Gustavo's spirit lives in the truck — and that anyone who sits in the cab will be instantly cured of any ailment.

"Now people travel from hundreds of miles around to visit that old truck, and a very large number are coming away cured," said Dr. Domingos Laurenco, a government investigator who spent most of October and November in Taracuna.

"People who were virtually on their deathbed have recovered overnight. Many think it is truly a miracle. I'm convinced it's all in the power of suggestion.

"But either way, it is a strange situation when an old pickup truck has more healing power than all the tools of

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Soldier fiance couldn't be here for the ceremony, so . . .

Bride ties knot with stand-in groom

JUST MARRIED! Bride Carrie Gallmeyer snuggles up with a picture of her Marine groom Louis, currently stationed in the Middle East.

By MARTHA ATKINS

When blushing bride Carrie Gallmeyer got hitched, her fiance couldn't be there for the ceremony — so Carrie's best friend served as a stand-in groom!

On November 3d, the Barron, Fla., woman exchanged vows with best friend Ellen Monaco because groom Louis Gallmeyer was stationed somewhere in the Persian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea.

This was the second time around for Carrie and Louis, who were first married on Nov. 3d, 1987. The sentimental couple picked the date after they became reengaged last spring. They were divorced in 1988.

"Our hearts were set on that day," said Carrie, 27. "It was a special day for us and we wanted it to be again. We didn't want to have two anniversaries.

"If Louis and I hadn't been married before, or if I was marrying someone else, we probably would have just postponed the wedding till he got back.

"But since we both wanted this date and didn't want to wait another year, we decided to try this."

Carrie began making plans for a long-distance wedding after 23-year-old Louis, who is a Marine, was sent overseas to serve in the Middle East.

"When he first went overseas he'd heard we could be married by mail but I found out it wasn't that easy," said Carrie, who lives in Milton, Fla. "Officials would help one or knew what to do."

The determined bride-to-be then hired a lawyer, who told her there was no law that said Louis had to be present in order for them to get married. All she had to do was fill out the same forms as other engaged couples.

Carrie went down to the courthouse, filled out the marriage license and sent it off to Louis for his signature. When she received the license back, complete with a notary's seal, the plans were set except for the guest list.

"At first it was going to be real small with just my parents and Ellen," said Carrie. "But it kept getting bigger and bigger because everyone wanted to come."

On November 10, Carrie exchanged vows with Ellen in her parents' backyard with her father, who's a notary, officiating. Now the happy bride is looking forward to the day when she'll be reunited with her new hubby.

"I can't wait to see him. I'm happy about getting married but depressed because Louis can't be here," she said. "But at least we're thinking about each other.

"When Louis gets back, we'll probably have another ceremony to exchange rings."

ANCIENT EGYPTIANS FLEW PLANES — 3,300 YEARS AGO!

SCALE MODEL, above, of an ancient Egyptian glider soars over the Great Pyramid and the Sphinx.

But that's not all! Experts say King Tut died in history's first airplane crash!

Egyptian bigwig King Tut was killed in an aircraft crash more than 3,300 years ago.

That's the amazing conclusion of historian William Deiches who says the ancient Egyptians were soaring above the clouds in hot air balloons and crude gliders thousands of years before the Wright brothers made their historic flight.

TOP RESEARCHER William Deiches holds the model of the papyrus plane he believes bear the Wright brothers into the sky more than 3,000 years ago!

By THEO DORIOPOLIS

Since flying was considered "godlike" by Egyptians, the ability was reserved for wealthy people and royalty. Deiches says flying was the original sport of kings and believes King Tut was the tragic victim of history's first plane crash.

"I think that we must look upon these ancient craft as more of a sporting activity than as a means of travel.

"I suspect that they were the objects of a royal pastime. In this context, it is interesting to note that lots of ancient Egyptian royalty, including King Tutankhamen, died with broken necks and multiple injuries, as if killed in a glider crashing to Earth."

Deiches' 20-year exhaustive study of ancient Egypt led him to an astonishing conclusion. He realized that many drawings and carvings of weird flying objects with wings were actually the plans for early flying machines. He now believes that the Egyptians launched their first hot air balloon as early as 3320 B.C. and were soaring in crude gliders 800 years later.

"Egypt started this craze among its royalty, wealthy and privileged, but it soon spread to what nowadays is known as Tibet, India, Mexico, Turkey, China and Guatemala — all countries where hot air currents were sufficient to keep the gliders in the air," he said.

Deiches believes drawings of godlike figures with wings are actually sketches of what these early gliders looked like.

He built models of many of these early gliders and found many flew with ease.

Deiches believes the balloons and gliders were constructed from papyrus — the substance Egyptians used for paper — and may have had wingspans of up to 60 feet.

They were launched from the top of a cliff or a high structure such as a pyramid, Deiches said, and attained

DEATH MASK of boy-king Tutankhamen. An expert says he died in a plane crash thousands of years before the Wright

MAN SURVIVES SIX BULLETS IN HEAD

Joe Blackburn, 24, wandered around for an hour before walking into a local hospital complaining that he'd been shot six times in the head!

"Apparently some of the bullets just went around the skull under the skin," said Sheriff Freddie Cross of Coffee County, Texas, where the bizarre shooting occurred. "It's the darndest thing."

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How can we give them away for only $10—*are they stolen?* No, they are *NOT* stolen. They're the same fabulous feather-weights we nationally advertise in leading media all over America. And we really *will* give you a pair for only $10 **(guaranteed!)** *if you are among the first 10,000 who respond to this publicity ad.*

Goodbye to Tired Feet

Feather-Steps are *near-weightless* to fight fatigue, *slipper-soft* to eliminate friction. SpringAire™ cushioned linings keep your feet cool and comfy even in summer. Non-skid soles help you walk safely on wet or icy surfaces—even the deck of a boat. Classic good looks make this the perfect all-around shoe for work and play—*so featherlight you may forget you're wearing shoes at all!*

$10 GIVEAWAY COUPON

Feather-Step Comfort Shoes		Item #	Size	Price	Quantity of Pairs	Total
Specify Men's Sizes 7-12	Black	#5325		$10		$
	Brown	#5326		$10		$
	Navy	#5327		$10		$
Specify Women's Sizes 5-10	White	#5379		$10		$
	Black	#5380		$10		$
	Taupe	#5381		$10		$
FULL ONE YEAR MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE				Subtotal		$
				In NY/CA add sales tax		$
				Shipping ($3 for each pair)		$
				Total		$

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Amount Enclosed $ _____
(Make check payable to [illegible])
or Charge to: ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD
(Enter all 13 or 16 card numbers below)

Card # _____

Card Expire Date mo. _____ yr. _____

Mr./Ms. _____
Mrs./Miss

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail to: [illegible] Ltd., Feather-Step Shoes, Dept. 690-359, Box 3780, Westville, NY 11802

Allow up to 6-8 weeks for shipment